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COLORED GIRL WINS LAURELS IN MUSIC

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Thompson's National News Bureau.
Washington, D. C., March 27.

President Taft is also to speak for the Alumni Association of Howard University, at a mass meeting to be held under the auspices of that organization, April 9, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, in the interest of the gymnasium fund, toward which the Alumni Association has pledged to raise $10,000. The central gymnasium campaign committee is headed by Prof. Kelly Miller, with Robert A. Pelham as secretary-treasurer and Shelby J. Davidson, financial agent. They have received very encouraging reports from the many branch associations located in every section of the country where Howard graduates abound, and it is believed that the effort to raise the desired amount will be successful.

The meeting which the President of the United States will address will go far to arouse nation-wide interest in the project, and the approval of Mr. Taft will attract favorable attention at the hands of the people most able to subscribe to such a commendable project. The President has the heartfelt thanks of the colored citizens all over the land, because of the practical assistance he is giving the race, both by his willingness to help Howard University and his readiness to inspire by his presence the National Religious Training School at Durham. It may be remarked in passing that President Taft has, up to this time, visited more colored schools and addressed more colored gatherings than any previous occupant of the White House. When the public services of this eminent statesman are taken into account, this important item should not be overlooked.

Washington Girl First in Music at Cornell.

Miss Clarice Jones, daughter of the well-known Washington attorney, the Hon. Thomas L. Jones, has achieved a triumph in music at the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, a department of the famous Cornell University, and has added new laurels to the brow of the entire race. At the third public recital of the season of the advanced students of the conservatory at the spacious Music Hall a varied program of the works of the old masters was presented, and it was conceded by the critical audience present, and by the press report of the occasion, that the honors of the evening had been rightfully won by the accomplished Miss Jones, who happens, by the way, to be the only colored member of the class.

To indicate the high quality of the music presented, it may be stated that Miss June Robertson appeared in the celebrated aria from "Madame Butterfly;" Miss Gillam gave a tone poem by Liszt; Miss Catherine Wintermute presented two "Skylark" selections, and the orchestra rendered excerpts from "Lucia di Lammermoor," and accompanied two violin solos. The first was Svendsen's "Romance," played by James Campbell, and the second the concerto in D major, by Mozart, played by Mr. Van Vleet. The crowning event was the number offered by Miss Jones, whose appearance was a signal for hearty applause, and an ovation was given her at the close of her brilliant performance. Speaking of Miss Jones, the Ithaca Daily Journal, the leading paper of the college town, said:

"There were five piano numbers, and the very best was Miss Clarice Jones' delightful interpretation of the 'Variations' by Mendelssohn, a most difficult composition and one rarely heard, even at entertainments given by professional musicians. Miss Jones is entitled to great credit for her finished performance."

Miss Jones is a Washington girl who has gone to one of the nation's most representative schools of music and has nobly sustained the reputation of her race for character, capacity and culture. She typifies in her admirable personality and intellectual gifts the highest possibilities of our people, and a brilliant future is in store for her. All Washington is proud of her achievements, and a warm reception awaits her when she returns home to her family and host of friends.

Commissioner Claxton Talks on "Teachers.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, delivered a highly interesting address Wednesday afternoon, in the assembly hall of the Sumner building, under the auspices of the Home and School Association of Normal School No. 2. His subject was "The Qualifications of a Teacher." A large audience of parents, teachers and pupils listened attentively to the valuable suggestions offered by the noted educator. Dr. C. W. Childs presided. Dr. Lucy E. Moten, the painstaking principal of Normal School No. 2, has been at the head of this helpful institution for more than twenty-five years, and it has furnished able teachers for schools of the race in every part of the country.

Session of the M. E. Conference.

The forty-ninth session of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of the Washington and Baltimore jurisdiction brought together a magnificent body of Christian gentlemen and able workers for the uplift of humanity. The meetings were held in the Ebenezer M. E. Church, of which Rev. S. H. Brown is pastor. Bishop W. F. Anderson presided. This is the most important conference of the church in the country. Rev. W. S. Jackson, statistical secretary, reported an increase of 650 in membership for the year, and Rev. M. W. Clair, treasurer, showed that the conference had raised during the year $23,821 for the various benevolent causes. The only change in the local pastorate was the sending of Rev. W. H. Dean, of Lynchburg, Va., to succeed Rev. S. H. Brown at Ebenezer Church, the latter being appointed to Roberts Chapel, Alexandria, Va. Rev. M. J. Naylor goes to Sharp Street Church, Baltimore, exchanging places with Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, who succeeds him as district superintendent of the Baltimore district. Revs. W. C. Thompson, Ernest S. Williams and M. J. Naylor were elected ministerial delegates to the General Conference at Minneapolis in May, and I. Grand Penn, William Oliver, of Roanoke, and George H. Owens, of Baltimore, were elected lay delegates. The next session of the conference will be held in Sharp Street Church, Baltimore.

The Women to Honor Mrs. Mary Church Terrell.

The women of Washington, grateful to Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the peerless queen of the platform, for her valiant and effective services in behalf of humanity, her race and sex, are planning to give a grand reception in her honor on Wednesday evening, April 10, at Lincoln Temple Congregational Church. Some of those actively identified with the movement are Miss Rachel D. Bell, Miss Eva A. Chase, Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Mrs. E. C. Williams, Rev. A. C. Ganner, Prof. A. O. Stafford, Prof. Kelly Miller and others. It is expected that addresses will be delivered by Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the Board of Education, upon which Mrs. Terrell served with distinction for a number of years; Prof. R. C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of the public schools, and Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University. As a lasting souvenir of their admiration the women are to present Mrs. Terrell with a beautiful piece of statuary.

The Branch Taft Headquarters in Full Blast.

The branch of the Taft renomination bureau is running at top speed in the Maceo building, under the energetic direction of Mr. Charles J. Pickett, Chairman McKinley's reliable "right-hand man." Twenty-five persons are working night and day, and there is a busy hum of writing and wrapping every minute of the time. Huge mail bags are carted to the postoffice, filled with literature telling of the great things that have happened during the three years of the administration of William Howard Taft. A general idea of the volume of business that is being done and of the great benefit Mr. Pickett has brought to the race by inducing Mr. McKinley to authorize this bureau, is found in the fact that the pay roll for the current week amoutned to $290.

A literary bureau is being organized, and from now on there will be plenty of action all along the line. Mr. Pickett is confident of the renomination of President Taft, and is of the opinion that he will be elected by a big majority in November.

"This sentiment-making work of today," said Mr. Pickett, "is simply preliminary to the greater work that is to come. Mr. Taft will be renominated, and there is no doubt in my mind as to his triumphant re-election. He will get the bulk of the Negro vote and carry all of the States in which our votes are a factor. He will grow upon the race as our campaign of education progresses. Our people do not know Mr. Taft as he really is. They will rally to him in a solid phalanx when his many good deeds are properly emphasized through the literary bureau that is now getting ready to spread the glad tidings."

There is rejoicing in the camp of the authorities of the National Religious Training School at Durham, N. C. Dr. James E. Shepard, who addressed an immense audience last night at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, is jubilant over what promises to be the brightest episode in the life of the thriving institution over which he presides.

President Taft has given assurance that he will visit the school in April or May, while on a Southern tour now being arranged for. The President is to attend the celebration of the Hibernian Society at Savannah, and may make stops at other points during his sojourn in the Southland. The invitation to the President to visit the National Religious Training School was conveyed through Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina. He is a member of the advisory board of the institution and has manifested from the outset a deep interest in its welfare.

The news of the President's plan to include Durham in his itinerary spread rapidly throughout the city Monday, and President Shepard was besieged by friends anxious to extend congratulations. At the school, faculty and students suspended operations for a period to give full vent to their enthusiasm over the coming of the chief magistrate of the Nation. The occasion will be a "red-letter event" in the history of the institution, and no pains will be spared to make the visit of the President memorable from every point of view.

Editor Dancy Charms the South.

Hon. John C. Dancy, editor of the Zion Quarterly, is at home again, after a lengthy speaking tour of the South, hastening back to Washington to attend the dinner given Tuesday in honor of his friend and co-worker, Dr. J. E. Shepard. Mr. Dancy was greeted by large audiences everywhere. He spoke in his usual optimistic vein of the future of the race, and the people seemed to feel better for having heard his message of cheer. His itinerary included Norfolk, Va., Elizabeth City, Edenton, Hertford, Windfall, Plymouth, Washington, Newberne, Kinston, Goldsboro and Wilmington, N. C.

Fisk Jubilee Singers at Congregational Church.

The world-famous Fisk Jubilee Singers captivated a large audience of prominent citizens Monday evening at the First Congregational Church. The plantation melodies, grown sweeter with age, pleased everybody and put them in a good humor to listen to the eloquent addresses about Fisk University and its work, presented by graduates of the school and others. An effort is being made to raise $25,000 toward the endowment fund of the institution, and Mr. T. J. Calloway is making commendable progress in the campaign he is conducting for that purpose. Hon. J. C. Napier, Register of the Treasury, presided, and made an earnest plea for help for Fisk, which, he declared, is doing a work that cannot be so well done by any other institution in the land, being located in the center of the most ambitious and thrift-loving Negroes to be found between the oceans. He was liberally applauded. Other speakers were Dr. S. H. Woodrow, pastor of the Congregational Church; Mr. T. J. Calloway, Mrs. Sterling N. Brown and Dr. M. O. Dumas.

Dr. Booker T. Washington Stops Over.

Dr. Booker T. Washington stopped over for a brief period last Saturday morning, en route southward from a tour that covered a stretch of territory from Chicago to New England. He was looking well and held conferences with a number of friends. He expects a large gathering at the conference of races next month at Tuskegee.

THE WAITER AND THE GUEST

Uncle Sam—Now-w-w let me see, which do I want ?

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. W. Brock has gone to St. Louis, Mo., to see his sick brother, Mr. O. Brock.... Mr. O. Hinds died on the 14th after a long illness, and was buried last Friday. Rev. Allison, of the Second Baptist church, officiated....Mrs. L. Pate, of Chicago, Ill., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell. She is also on the sick list....Mrs. A. Wright has gone to Jackson, Tenn., to see her sick brother, who is very low....Mrs. Carpenter, of New Albany, Ind., is here visting her sister, Mrs. S. F. Campbell..The C. W. was entertained by Mrs. J. W. Carmeal Friday evening with a St. Patrick's day party. The house was tastefully decorated with the reigning colors of the Emerald Isle, green. Business was dispensed with and the evening was spent in games, songs and readings typical of the witty Irish. Each member represented some Irish character, and those present were: Mrs. Brock, as Bridget, was the source of much amusement; Messrs. H. J. McKinney, M. G. Simpson, Little Miss Selma Porter and Larida Simpson. All report having had a good time....Mr. J. W. Carmeal is having quite a success with the Home Bible Class......Prof H. R. Harding returned home last Tuesday morning, over the Southern railroad, from a trip to Owensboro, Ky., where he has been to see his sick daughter, Mrs. Grace A. Houston....The pupils of the fifth and sixth grades of the Lincoln school, of which Prof. Harding is principal, gave him a pleasant surprise party last Friday evening, the 15th inst., which lasted from 4:30 to 6:30. They enjoyed themselves by playing many amusing games. The professor and his amiable wife taking part with them. A pleasant repast was served them. All retired home feeling happy....Services at the Second Baptist church were excellent last Sunday. Rev. Allison, the pastor, was in good condition and preached two able sermons. The collection was good....Rev. J. Bunch delightfully entertained the Men's Social Club at his home Friday evening, March 15. After the business transactions, the menu was very elaborate and was enjoyed very much. Prizes were awarded Mesdames Skinner, Taylor, McAllister, Prof. Harding, Messrs. J. W. Carmel, Robert Ferguson was guest. The club left for their homes at an unusually late hour, each having spent a very delightful evening....The fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Claybrook was celebrated at their home in Elksville, Ill., last Sunday, March 17, and those who attended from Centralia were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Claybrook, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Simpson, Mrs. M. Porter and Miss Belle Claybrook. A dainty two-course luncheon was served......Miss Ethel Bunch and Miss Ophelia Wilson, students of the high school, helped the hostess to serve....Mr. W. Brock, who went to St. Louis, Mo., last week to be at the bedside of his sick brother, Mr. O. Brock, sent a telegram today, the 19th, stating that his brother is dead. Details in next issue....Mr. J. H. Mitchell, who works in the Illinois Central railroad shops, made a flying trip to Murphysboro, Ill., Saturday and Sunday. He says he had a good time.

PULASKI (TENN.) NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The people of Pulaski are overjoyed to see the coming of spring..Rev. A. Brooks, pastor of Campbell Chapel A. M. E. church preached a wonderful sermon Sunday, March 17, to a large crowd. There was also a large sum raised for trustees. Our friends, Mrs. Lulu Birdsong, Lizzie Rhodes and Maggie Mai Swift, joined the church ....The members of Campbell chapel are preparing for a mock conference by which to make a successful rally, with Rev. Brooks, pastor....The ladies' convention of the Missionary church met at the First Baptist church the past week.. ..Mrs. Annie Hester,o f Aspen Hill, Tenn., the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Bailey, spent a few days with them last week....Mrs. Ella Ballentine, who has been very sick, is much better....Mrs. Rhodie Harwell was a little indisposed last week....The many friends of Mr. David Sutton, Jr., are rejoicing to see him out again....Mrs. Frances Meredith is on the sick list....Mr. O. B. Davis, Jr., who was stricken with paralysis nearly two years ago, is much improved....Mr. Wm. Goff, who also has a stroke of paralysis, is improving nicely....Mr. Frank Taylor is ill from a severe cold....Mrs. O. B. Davis, who has been very ill, is much better at this writing....Mr. Wesley Potter, who has been very sick for quite a time, is able to be sitting up again.... Mrs. Magnolia Potter, the neice of Mrs. Gertrude Richardson, has returned to Nashville after a long visit....Mrs. Lula Bramlette says The Freeman is a ninteresting paper....Mr. John Maxwell is still improving....Drs. Gantt and Lewis, both young doctors of Pulaski, are having much success....Mrs. L. A. Hallbut spent Saturday and Sunday with the people of Pulaski....Mrs. Cora Kimbro, who recently moved to Nashville, is here visiting her people....Little T. P. Turner, Jr., is the thriving agent of the Nashville Globe ....The Broadview school is preparing to have a drama Saturday night, "Too Much of a Good Thing," is the name of the drama, and is to be played by the senior class....The Freeman is the leading colored paper in the United States of America, and much pleasing to all its readers ....All locals gladly received and published free of charge. Special prices on advertisements, matter with cuts,etc. You can locate any person, get a position or get you an employee by placing your advertising matter in The Freeman. For further information, see O. B. Davis, Jr., 28 West Cotton street.

CORSICANA, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The K. of P. annual sermon, which was to have been preached at the A. M. E. Church Sunday, March 24, was postponed on account of bad weather....T. V. Jones, of Enid, Okla., was in the city this week visiting his brother, Prof. G. A. Jones. ....Rev. Dr. Rankin, of the A. M. E. Church, was in the city Saturday, March 23....Mr. A. Hardee is having trouble with his throat, forcing him to go to bed. We hope to see him out again soon.... Mr. Joe Mills is on the sick list....Mrs. Criner, of this city, departed this life Tuesday, March 19, after a few months' illness, and was buried from the First Independent Baptist Church, of which she was a member....Parties wishing The Freeman should call at the People's Drug Store.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

JACK JOHNSON TENDERED A SWELL BANQUET

OUTLOOK COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

Graduating Exercises of a Large Class of Young Lady Law Students—Roosevelt in the City on Next Wednesday.

By Lee L. Brown,
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LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The great athlete, Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight of the world, has gone to Cincinnati. During his short stay in the city his name was on the tongue of every one, white and black. The Jack Johnson that we met face to face was quite different from the Jack Johnson that we had read about in many of the sporting papers. When he crossed the Ohio river and landed on Kentucky soil, he realized that if there was a spot in all Kentucky famed far and wide for its unbounded hospitality and for the generosity and magnanimity of its people, Louisville was the spot. It has been the pride of Louisville from the very dawn of civilization to throw wide open her doors to a stranger and bid him enter the full enjoyment of its hospitality. All of Louisville seemed anxious to pay tribute to the hero. He was invited to visit several places including the State University. He only accepted one invitation while in the city and that was the very swell stag banquet given in his honor by Mr. Alonzo B. McAfee, at his residence Friday night on West Chestnut street. The champion arrived at a late hour accompanied by his manager, brother and a few friends. He was greeted in true old Kentucky style. After an exchange of greetings, the champion was escorted into the beautiful banquet hall, where covers were laid for over fifty guests. The tables were filled with all of the delicacies of the season. After a flashlight picture was taken, Mr. A. B. McAfee, host and toastmaster, introduced the guest in a most eloquent address, a part of which is quoted: "Gentlemen, we have gathered around this beautiful festive board this evening (or rather this morning) for two purposes; to pay tribute to the champion of all champions, and to eat and drink. I know not how it has been with our distinguished guest, but most of us during our brief lives have experienced considerable difficulty in eating, if not in drinking. The trouble has been that quite often we did not have any appetite for our dinner, but more often we did not have any dinner for our appetite. But tonight we have both the dinner and the appetite. Thanks to the epicurean genius of the true and noble specimens of Kentucky womanhood who prepared this sumptuous feast, the basic features of which, garnished as they are with such ornate and succulent trimmings, have so affected the gastronomic condition of our organs of mastication and indigestion, that it makes the inner man feel that it is some honor to be the inner man. On behalf of Kentucky, the scene of ten thousand battles and the battleground of ten thousand warriors, the home of Jack Chinn and the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, we welcome to her bloody, but sacred confines the noblest Roman of them all. I voice the sentiment of the entire race when I say we are all for him. During one of the greatest naval engagements recorded in history the admiral on the American side was mortally wounded. As he lay on the deck of his beloved ship, he raised his eyes to the faithful followers who surrounded him and whispered with his dying breath: "Don't give up the ship, boys." The race says to you, Mr. Johnson: "Don't give up the belt, Jack." I take pleasure in introducing the greatest Negro the world has ever known, Jack Johnson." The champion in a most polite way, responded to the very eloquent welcome and introduction by Mr. McAfee. He gave a brief description of his career in the ring, of the hard road he was forced to travel before he could lay claim to the championship title; of how he had appeared in towns where at first they would hiss him and afterwards would shake his hand. He paid a tribute to Kentucky and Kentuckians, saying that he was laying aside some money for a rainy day. He told of his devotion to his mother. He mentioned the fact that before he would agree to come to Louisville, he received Col. John Whallen's and Chief of Detective Carney's word that he would be protected. He referred to the great Napoleon, when he exclaimed that there were no Alps, of how he fought himself to the topmost round, believing that he would reach the place that he now holds. He assured the guests that Jack Johnson would retire as champion of the world. His short but pointed address was greeted with great applause. After enjoying the pleasures that had been prepared for him, he was ushered away in his auto. There were present at this banquet men representing most every walk of life, all anxious to do honor to the champion. Quite a number of them were called on to make short talks. Mr. McAfee is to be commended for the arrangements of this affair. He is ever on the alert to pay honor to whom honor is due. Your correspondent was among the guest last spring that attended the banquet given by Mr. Afee in honor of ex-Senator Green of Cleveland, Ohio, who was the special guest of the Central Law School.

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The Negro outlook committee held a very important meeting last Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. Many vital questions affecting the race were discussed, and a number of very important committees were appointed. This committee is composed of twenty-five representative citizens and representatives form every organization in the city. A special committee was appointed to look out for play grounds for colored children. Messrs. James Gray, the chairman, and Jno. Clark, the secretary, are using every effort to make this the greatest organization of its kind in the United States. The slogan is "Do Something." The time is at hand when we as men who are interested in the general welfare of the race have not time to sit around building aircastles. We must get out and turn up something that will cause the world to take notice. We have seen so many organizations and good movements created in this city and in a few weeks die on account of the lack of attention and enthusiasm.

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A large and enthusiastic crowd of persons gathered last Monday evening to witness the first graduating class of colored law students composed entirely of young women who during the past term have been enrolled in the Central Law School. The ladies were greeted with repeated applause. The members of the class were Mrs. Narcissa Brown, Misses Effie Bryant, Anna B. Jackson and Daisy E. Conrad. Prof. Wm. H. Perry delivered the diplomas. The special address was delivered by Mrs. E. M. Henry, of the class of 1909.

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Teddy Roosevelt is booked to speak in this city on the evening of April 3. And among many of the candidates for delegate-at-large to the Republican convention in Chicago on the Roosevelt ticket will be Rev. John Frank, pastor of the Fifth Street church.

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Mr. William James and Miss Mattie Hawker, of Louisville, were quietly married last week in Jeffersonville, Ind.

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Sir Knight Diggs, candidate for grand chancellor of Kentucky Pythians, was in the city last Sunday, circulating among the boys. He paid our office a visit, sorry that we were not at home; come again.

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Mrs. Frazier, mother of Miss Lottie Lee, of South Tenth street, was suddenly stricken last Sunday night with paralysis. She is in a serious condition. Miss Lee has our heartfelt sumpathy.

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Rev. W. H. Hill, the well-known evangelist of Pittsburg, Pa., is in the midst of a revival at Calvary Baptist church.

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Governor McCreary made many hearts happy last week when he vetoed the anti-tipping bill.

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Mrs. Mary Foston, of Owensboro, Ky., was in the city last week, en route to her home.

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The anual Pythian sermon was preached last Sunday at the Emanuel Baptist church by the Rev. Jno. Purdue, pastor.

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Everyone is looking forward to the program to be given by the boys of the Douglas Debating club, Monday evening, April 1st, at the Emanuel Baptist church.

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The leading social event during the Easter season will be the Easter dance by the members of the Crimson Star club, Easter Monday night, at Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

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Mr. Mason, the janitor at the Auditorium flats, Fourth and Hill streets, has been very sick during the past week.

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The Louisville Cubs baseball association is ararnging for their initial game at Spring Bank park. Mr. Baker has engaged some of the best colored teams in the United States to play here during the season.

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Last week the Governor signed the bill appropriating $10,000.00 to the Kentucky Home Society for Colored Children. This money is to be given by the State yearly.

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Dr. Manuel, the very popular clerk of the Peoples' drug store, at Twelfth and Chestnut streets, has been ill for the past ten days at his residence on West Jefferson street.

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The Y. M. C. A. is now in the midst of an enthusiastic membership campaign.

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Mr. William Bogus, a Louisville man who for a number of years has been residing in Kalamazoo, Mich., was buried last week. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Reed, of the A. M. E. Zion church. The following gentlemen served as pall-bearers: Messrs. Wm. Spradling, Robert Elegan, Chancellor Morris and Bard Miles. Mrs. Evans and Miss Mary Hicks sang solos. There was a large display of flowers. The funeral services were conducted in the chapel of Mr. Jas. Hathway. Mr. Bogus was the brother of Miss Minnie Nuby and the brother-in-law of Mr. George Baker, manager of the Louisville Cubs baseball association.

LOVEJOY, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

The People's Progressive party held its convention Monday evening, March 18. The meeting was spirited and enthusiastic. A number of good speeches were heard from prominent men. The following were the nominees: Mr. Tom Dowling, for assessor; J. J. Davis, for township tax collector; R. Gaston, for highway commissioner; Henry Moore, for poundmaster....Clay & Lucas' new hall promises to be a rendezvous for many St. Louisans this summer, the opening date being March 23. The hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion and the affair was one of the grandest of the season....Mrs. Harriett Gates, the mother of Mr. E. L. Gates, underwent an operation Friday, March 22. Dr. Williams was in charge....Mrs. Pope Speed, after visiting the home of a neighbor who had died, returned home and died before medical aid could be summoned. The funeral was held at the A. M. E. Church Tuesday, March 19. The church was filled to its capacity. Mrs. Speed leaves five children and husband to mourn their loss. A son was a student at Fisk University.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

The White Ribbon Circle will give a paper bonnet entertainment at the Metropolitan Baptist Church Thursday night, March 28. The public is cordially invited. Program—Openings chorus, Home Choral Class; invocation, Rev. Sneed; chorus, Home Choral Class; welcome address, Mr. W. M. T. Guney; response, Miss P. V. Reed; solo, Miss L. E. Goodloe; recital, Mrs. E. B. McComb; solo, Miss Willie O. Leonard; recital, "Casey at the Bat," Z. Leni Bonner. Refreshments served. Admission 10 cents.

The Greatest Man on Earth Was A Negro Slave

Toussaint L'Ouverture.

"First in war, first in peace and first in the heart's of his countrymen," is a well known sentence that the admirer's of our country's greatest President gave him. But Toussaint L'Ouverture was greater than Napoleon as a warrior, the equal of Gladstone in brains, and unsurpassed by any living man in kindness, goodness and generosity to his own race whom he freed from the bonds of slavery. He never saw an army until forty years of age, yet he put to flight the proudest blood of Europe, the Spanish, and sent them home conquered; he fought the greatest country of Europe, the English, and cost that country the lives of fifty-five thousand men and one hundred million dollars; he fought the most formidable country of Europe, the French,(against Napoleon) costing France the lives of forty thousand men and fifty million dollars. The secret of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the worlds greatest Statesman, Soldier and Martyr's success has been revealed by a member of his own family. He claims that it was the Power of Magnetism produced by Toussaint having in his possesion two Loadstones instead of one. More information regarding these wonderful emblems of luck is told in a book entitled:,, The Loadstone, Mother Of Magnetisum" which was originally published to be sold for $1.00. On account of many mistakes of the printer, our readers can secure a copy of this wonderful book ABSOLUTELY FREE WHILE THEY LAST. Totake advantage of this splendid offer address the publishers;

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It is eminently fitting that Charles Banks should be a banker.

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Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson saved the day for the Taft forces in Georgia.

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Minister Furniss sees revolutions come and go, but, like Tennyson't "brook," he goes on forever. 'Tis well.

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Former Congressman George W. Murray, of South Carolina, is lecturing in Texas on "Race Ideals."

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The hustling Nick Chiles has bought a brand new linotype machine for his plain-dealing Topeka Plaindealer.

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Personal bickerings should have no place in the press. Time and space are too valuable to be wasted on trifles.

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Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the National Religious Training School, Durham, S. C., is now an ordained elder in the Baptist Church.

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Men with interests in common are foolish to fritter away golden opportunities through quarrels, superinduced by bull-headedness.

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It is tragical to note the vast number of "good schemes" that go to the scrap-pile when the "acid test" is applied by a shrewd political leader like Charles D. Hilles or William B. McKinley.

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Emmett J. Scott's richly-merited promotion is another proof of the old saying that "all things come to him who waits"—provided he hustles like the mischief in the meantime.

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Would Klaw & Erlanger or the Shuberts think of loading down a playhouse with such a jaw-breaking title as the "Booth-Barrett-McCullough Theater?"

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The energetic anti-Negro press agents have not framed up a new lie on Champion Jack Johnson for over a week. Nor has Jim Corbett rounded up a fresh "white hope" since last Sunday.

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It is generally believed that the M. E. General Conference at Minneapolis in May will elect a colored bishop for service in this country.

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The "steam roller" that has been reposing in the cellar of the office of the Atlanta Independent for the last year or so is being oiled up for use at the B. M. C. in September.

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We want Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, to be a bishop in the M. E. Church—if he wishes to take on that work. He will serve capably wherever he is placed, as his past history so vividly shows.

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A. N. Johnson, a leading business man of Nashville, Tenn., has opened the new and beautiful Majestic Theater at that place and is presenting first-class attractions, S. H. Dudley's "Smart Set" being among the first offerings.

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Elongated titles are the bane of Negro corporations. The people want names that are easy to say, have a mellifluent ring, and that call trippingly upon the tongue. In these pell-mell times brevity is the soul of with and good business.

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Financial Secretary J. S. Jackson will be "Bishop" Jackson after the meeting of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church next May. He will be one of the strongest men that Zion has ever elected to the bench.

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If nothing happens to the running gear of the "steam roller" at the Atlanta B. M. C. in September, Associate Justice W. L. Houston will be made grand secretary of the G. U. O. of O. F. He will put "some more ginger" into that important office.

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Maryland, behind the times as usual, has refused to pass an anti-lynching law. Modern civilization is opposed to mob violence, and the legislatures of all progressive commonwealths should record their people as being on the side of law and order,

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The Business League Herald, the voice of the National Negro Business League, has made its appearance. It is a bright little sheet, and is edittd at Tuskegee Institute by Emmett J. Scott and Charles H. Moore. It should have an immense circulation.

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If you have not read "My Larger Education," by Dr. Booker T. Washington, you are missing the treat of the season. It is instructive, entertaining and inspiring. No Negro can read it without becoming stronger in his determination to struggle on until effort is crystallized into achievement.

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It pays to "kick" when you can do so intelligently and effectively. Systematic "kicking" on the part of the Negro kept Judge Hook off the supreme bench and made the B. & O. Railroad take down those "Jim Crow" signs in the waiting room of its Baltimore depot. Just keep on kicking, brethren!

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"Golden emancipation jubilees," rather than a single national celebration, seem to be the order of the hour for 1913, in accord with the wise suggestion of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Pennsylvania wheeled into line some time ago with a $20,000 appropriation, and now New Jersey follows suit with a similar amount. Who'll be the next?

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The record-breaking audience of substantial people who turned out on a zero night in Washington to hear Booker T. Washington's eloquent message on business development among Negroes is indisputable evidence that the "Wizard" has not "gone back"—not even in the town that is conceded to be the most critical community under the sun.

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That Hip Sing Tong eighty-eight-course dinner in New York the other day causes us to lick our chops sympathetically. The "feed" started in the afternoon of one day and wound up the next morning. The guests, numbering 200, were Chinese men and women and a sprinkling of Americans. Here is an idea for those perennial banqueters at Washington.

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S. H. Dudley, in advocating a chain of commodious theaters for colored patrons in all of the principal cities of the country, is on the right road toward offering high-grade amusements for our people. If the local capitalists will get the houses in line, Mr. Dudley agrees to furnish ample attractions. There is a barrel of money in this proposition for the right man. Keep at it, Uncle Dudley!

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Another "sure thing" aspirant for the A. M. E. bishopric is Dr. J. M. Conner, presiding elder of the Little Rock district in Arkansas. He has the great southwest solid for his candidacy, and has conferences all over the country pledged to stand by him from start to finish. His friends claim enough votes are now pledged to elect Dr. Conner on the first ballot at Kansas City.

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The Lexington Weekly News has been launched at Lexington, Ky., as the successor to the Standard. D. I. Reid is the editor and A. W. Davis has charge of the business end. There is a field for a live race paper in eastern Kentucky, and the News will succeed if its owners will just give the progressive folks of Lexington the kind of a spokesman they like.

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The Ministerial Conference at the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C., called for July 6 by Dr. J. E. Shepard, is to be one of the truly great conferences of the year 1912. Ministers from "all over" have announced their intention to be present, and some of the best speakers and thinkers of both races will deliver helpful addresses. The race's moral and civic betterment will be discussed from every angle, and much good will doubtless grow out of this frank exchange of thought.

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The leaders of the A. M. E. Church are of the opinion that Bishops W. H. Heard and J. Albert Johnson, elected at Norfolk in 1908, with the specific understanding that they would put in twelve years in Africa, will not be allowed to escape the conditjons imposed upon them, with their eyes wide open, by the last General Conference. It is asserted that neither could have been elected but for their iron-clad agreement to accept the African work and remain at it for twelve years. They will be held to their pledge, it is said.

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Tennessee has no candidate for the A. M. E. bishopric. The Nashville Clarion says: "All we ask is that Professor Ira T. Bryant be re-elected to the position of secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, a place in which he has so well acquitted himself, by putting the publishing house upon a solid business basis. It is a credit to the great A. M. E. Church, an honor to Mr. Bryant and a blessing to Nashville and the race." The Clarion's prayer will be answered. Mr. Bryant will be re-elected by acclamation and entrusted with even larger responsibilities.

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LOADSTONES SAID TO SAVE GEMS AND LUCKY SOCIETY LADY'S LIFE

Boston, March —"Lucky" 'Mrs. Lucy Spaulding, a Chicago society leader, almost missed today the steamship that was to take her to Europe. Considering the nerve racking experience she had with a burglar in her home just before she came to sail for the other side, she was in excellent health and spirits. Her beautiful jewels, including her diamond ear rings and handsome pearl necklace were seized by the man, as she slept in her bed, and he attempted to choke her to death when she awoke and discovered him in her room. She attributes the saving of her gems and her life to two loadstones which she almost invariably wears in her chamois bag suspended by a silken cord about her neck. It is believed that the fame of her jewelry, envied by all of the women in her social set, became known in the "underworld," and a desperate raid was made upon her home by a gang of "yeggmen" as villainous as any band of pirates that ever sailed the sea.

The "Lucky" Mrs. Spalding as she appeared at a New Year's costume ball.

When seen in the elegant dining room of Hotel Vendome, she said: "I just arrived from my home in Chicago where I had a horrible but very enlightening experience. I had made up my mind to come here and surprise a childhood friend on my way to sail for Europe. Well, I am not the kind of a woman to let a burglar change my plans, so I came just as if nothing had happened; but when I arrived here in the hotel and enquired for my friend, I found she had left yesterday to visit her aunt in Atlanta. So I just stopped for a bite to eat and am going to take a cab to the steamship pier at once."

Asked if she would not tell how her loadstones had saved her life and her jewelry, she replied:

"I fear there is not enough time, but as long as you have heard enough of the story to know something about it, I may as well tell you so you will get it straight. In the first place, if I had not foolishly taken my loadstones off the night of the burglary, because I was going to wear a low-neck gown, I would not have been troubled by the thieves. I have had such wonderful luck, in almost every way, that my acquaintances call me the "Lucky" Mrs. Spaulding; and my intimate friends, "Lucky Lucy." Of course many of them know my luck is due entirely to my two loadstones. In fact I have worn loadstones so long now that I feel that they are a part of me, almost as much a part of me as my hair or teeth."

The beautiful woman smiled as she spoke and showed teeth that seemed to rival the gems in her handsome pearl necklace.

"Previous to Lent," she continued, "my round of social duties was so exacting that I welcomed a cessation in what had become so it seemed like a mad whirl of pleasure. To get a really effective rest, I determined to take a run over to Europe. Because I wanted to surprise a childhood chum who was stopping here in the Vendome, I concluded I would sail from Boston. The night before I was to take the train for the "Hub," I accepted an invitation to dine with several chums of my college days. We had a most delightful time, and I returned home quite early because of my trip. I am quite sure I was in bed before midnight. I do not know how long I slept. Suddenly I awoke with a start and realized someone was prowling around the room. I switched on the electric light at the head of my bed just as a man, probably warned by the movement I had made, jumped from my dressing table and seized me by the throat.

"He was a horrible looking man, and had my diamond ear rings and pearl necklace in his other hand which he closed at once. I tried to scream, but his grip on my throat was so strong that I could scarcely breathe. I was not able even to whisper. Struggling to free myself from his grasp, I rolled partly from the bed, my right hand striking the floor. I felt something between my hand and the carpet. In spite of my anguish, I was able to realize that it was the top of the little bag in which I keep my two precious loadstones. I clutched at the bag convulsively only to be pulled away from it in the struggle. Of course the burglar did not know what I was trying to do, but thought I was simply making an effort to get away from him.

"Finally I managed to get my hand over that part of the bag in which the stones rested. As I did so I felt the man shudder. He let go of me and sprang toward the window. In his effort to climb out, he dropped the diamond ear rings and pearl necklace inside the room and disappeared. I rushed to the window to call for help, and saw the gems glittering on the floor in the rays of the electric light. Looking out I saw him and two other men running down the avenue. He left a battered derby hat at the foot of my bed and an ugly looking chisel on the window sill.

"Then I just hung those loadstones aroud my neck and shall never take them off again. I value them more than all my other jewelry, for I certainly consider them jewels. Loadstones have safeguarded me almost since I first became interested in them as a result of a lecture I heard, when in college, by Dr. Aaron Finley Bonde, the noted African traveler, healer and scientist. He explained it was necessary, if you would obtain the best results, to have two loadstones, a positive and a negative; and that they would draw all the good toward the lucky owner and resist evil. At that time I was a poor girl, trying to work my way through college. I am not ashamed to say now that I was being helped by my dear old Southerm 'mammy' who loved me as if I were her own daughter.

"Well, after hearing that lecture, I made up my mind to have a pair of loadstones; but how to get them was quite a question with me then. Finally, after much skimping, I managed to save enough money to buy a pair of loadstones. It was marvelous how soon good fortune came my way. In a very short time I received enough from an unsettled estate of a distant relative, long dead, to more than pay the remainder of my college expenses. Not long after I was graduated with honors. Soon after my graduation I was married. My husband's prosperity, as a result of my guidance, is rather well known.

"Of course my husband was wealthy when I married him, but, thanks to my loadstones, he has doubled his fortune several times. Of course I do not say this to brag, but just to tell you what a good pair of loadstones will do. I have had only one piece of bad luck since I began to wear loadstones, and that was awful. But it was all due to my own fault and carelessness. I lost my precious loadstones when in bathing at Narragansett Pier last Summer. Before I went into the surf I knew the silken cord, by which was suspended the little bag in which the loadstones were kept, was so worn that there was danger that I would lose it from my neck. But I thought I would be careful and have a new cord on the morrow. I am a good swimmer, and enjoy being in the water very much. I swam out to a float and back, and then discovered the cord had broken and I had lost my loadstones.

"I was almost frantic with grief and fear. I did not know what to do after making a painstaking but unsuccessful search. A friend who knew my trouble told me to send to the Magnetic Mineral Company for a new pair, and I did so at once. I had not had the new pair long before I was sure they were much more powerful for producing good and warding off evil than the ones I had set such store by. As a proof of their power see what they did for me when I was being strangled by the burglar. I am sure if I had worn them to bed that night the men would never have been able to enter the house. Something would have happened to scare them away no matter how much they had planned to take my jewels."

"What is the difference in loadstones?" the "Lucky" Mrs Spaulding was asked.

"There is a vast difference," she replied. "Some people think loadstones ought to be heavily magnitized; but scientists say that theory is wrong. If the loadstones are too highly magnitized, they take away all the iron from the blood, thus taking the magnetism from the system and destroying the red corpuscles of the blood. That leaves one in the same condition as if they had been overcome by illuminating gas. You know it is our personal magnetism, so much talked about, that enables us to control others and make them do as we wish. With a pair of loadstones such as I now have I can make almost anyone do what I desire."

Suddenly Mrs. Spaulding looked at her diamond studded watch and exclaimed:

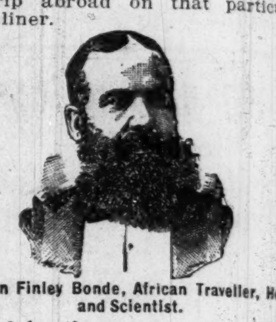
"Now see what you've done, or rather made me do! It is within five minutes of the time the ship is to sail, and I have sat here talking instead of getting to the vessel. What shall I do? What shall I do?

"Why not try your loadstones and make the ship wait for you?, she was asked.

"That's a good idea," she replied. "And it is also a good idea to call a cab and see if I am successful in going to Europe on this steamer. If I don't go I shall know that something awful would have happened to me if I had got on board."

A cab was called and the reporter accompanied the woman to the dock. There it was found that a sufficient delay had been caused in coaling so that the "Lucky" Mrs. Lucy Spaulding had plenty of time to go on board in a leisurely manner.

"I knew my loadstones would do the trick," she said when she was congratulated on being in time for the trip abroad on that particular ocean liner.



Dr. Aaron Finley Bonde, African Traveller, Healer and Scientist.

Asked by the reporter if he might take the lucky stones for a very few minutes in order that he might get a raise of salary, the fortunate possessor of the powerful loadstones showed unmistakable signs of alarm.

"Don't you know that it spoils a loadstone to let any one else touch it; that the owner only may come in contact with it? I wouldn't let even my best and most intimate friend touch my loadstones. The loadstone's peculiar power is for the individual. The way to get and keep that peculiar power is to obtain a pair of loadstones and let no other person touch them. Because they have done so much for me, I am always glad to tell others about loadstones; but that is all I can do for them. If they wish to have the same success, prosperity, health and good fortune, then they should get a pair of loadstones for themselves. When one considers what a pair of loadstone will do for their possessor, anybody can afford to get a pair. In fact they cannot afford not to obtain such wonder workers."

Then came the order for those who were not going to sail to go ashore and the lucky woman who had had an ocean liner wait for her while she told about her loadstones took a place by the rail of the vessel from which she waived her handkerchief as the stately craft headed for the ocean.

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Taft Insists That Government Be Run on Sound Business Basis.

HIS PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

His Personal Efforts to Reduce Cost of Efficient Service Bring Results—Business Methods Applied—Economy and Efficiency Commission Fought by Democrats.

President Taft more than any of his predecessors in the White House has given strict attention to placing the government upon a business basis as regards its receipts and expenditures. Economy and efficiency became one of the cardinal policies of his administration as soon as he entered upon the presidency, and it was well for the country that this was so, for his administration inherited a deficit in the treasury of $58,000,000, which has now been transformed into a surplus of $30,000,000. The average citizen and taxpayer will be interested in this fact, because the problem which confronted the president at the outset, although upon a gigantic scale, was similar to that of the ordinary shopkeeper or business man, farmer or wage earner or even housewife who is called upon to make "both ends meet" either in business or in the home.

By law the secretary of the treasury is called upon every year to submit to congress in December the "estimates" of governmental expenditures for the next fiscal year, beginning the following July 1. As congress has to provide the money to run the government, the money has to be appropriated for specific purposes before it can be expended, and if this were not done before the beginning of the fiscal year the machinery of government would stop unless emergency provision could be made.

How Estimates Are Made.

The "estimates" are prepared by the executive departments of which each member of the cabinet is a head. The cabinet officers get the "estimates" in their respective departments from their chiefs of bureaus and then combine them as the "estimates" for the department. The "estimates" from all departments are then sent to the secretary of the treasury to be submitted to congress, and they then become the "estimates" for the cost of running the entire government during the next fiscal year. Upon these figures congress makes the greater part if its appropriations, amounting to more than $1,000,000,000 annually.

Until 1908 a more or less lax method of making estimates for the annual appropriations obtained throughout the government. The figures sent to congress each year, instead of showing indications of a careful "pruning" all along the line, showed there was a disposition among the departments to vie with each other in getting as large appropriations as possible without considering whether or not the money demanded could be advantageously expended during the coming year. There was no standardization of supplies, and the various departments were paying varying prices for the same article.

What President Taft Did.

As soon as President Taft took office this system ceased. At the outset President Taft impressed upon his cabinet officials the absolute necessity of economy and efficiency in their departments. He admonished them that not a dollar beyond what was necessary to run the government efficiently in their departments, including a fair margin for progress, which is a part of efficiency in the program of President Taft, should be asked of congress. The effect was immediate. Every department began work at once to investigate its own expenditures and to devise ways and means of curtailing extravagances. The result was that congress received the lowest estimates it had seen in years. This was followed by a reduction in appropriations to correspond, always allowing for the natural growth of the government's activities, which represented a net saving to the taxpayers of the country.

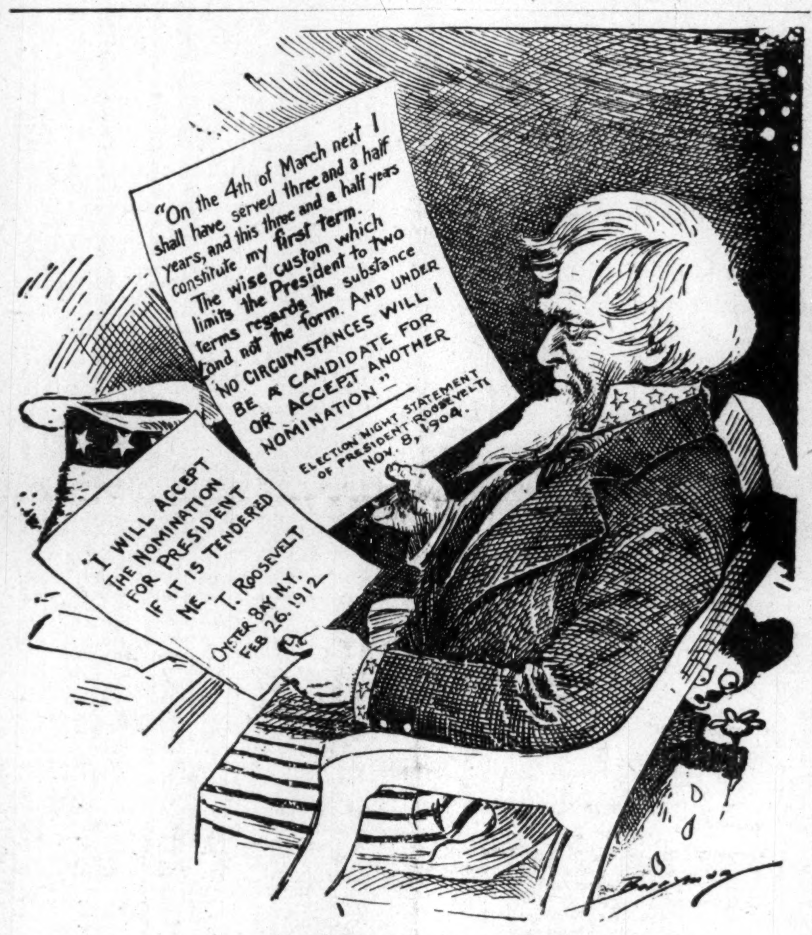
President Taft was not, however, satisfied that all had been done that could be done. He realized that the departments of the government, like individuals, are naturally prone to be proud of their own achievements and by reason of their familiarity with their own endeavors often insisted that their work was more important than the work of the other departments, relatively speaking. In order to correct that evil he asked congress to give him $100,000 for a commission of disinterested experts to investigate and report on the business of the government, with a view to further economy and efficiency. Thus came into official being the commission of that name.

This commission, among other duties, was directed to prepare the receipts and expenditures of the government on a "budget" basis, which is the system followed by practically all the leading nations of the world except the United States. Under this system it is possible for the humblest citizen to analyze the finances of the government at any time and to lay his finger upon the responsible political party in the event of extravagance or of stinginess. The system under which appropriations for the government of the United States have been made has even defied the experts in their endeavors to unravel the tangled skeins of expenditures, so that it is a fair statement to say that no citizen of this country up to the present time has ever thoroughly understood where his taxes were expended.

The President's Position.

At the present time the Democratic house of representatives is endeavoring to end the usefulness of the economy and efficiency commission by cutting off its appropriations. In a recent appeal to congress for funds to continue the great work it has begun, which all thinking men and women will approve, President Taft pointed out that the people of the country as a whole are interested chiefly in the following governmental objects: The national defense, the protection of persons and property, the promotion of friendly relations and the protection of American interests abroad, the regulation of commerce and industry, the promotion of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and mining, the promotion of manufacturing, commerce and banking, the promotion of transportation and communication, the postal service, including postal savings banks and parcels post; the care and utilization of the public domain, the promotion of education, art and science and recreation; the promotion of public health and the care and education of the Indians and other wards of the nation. There are many other public questions, of course, but these are the vital and comprehensive ones, and the "budget" is proposed for the purpose of giving information as to the needs of these matters. The president, in order that his policy of economy and efficiency may be concluded and become one of the greatest achievements of his administration—that of placing the government on a business basis—wants congress to appropriate $250,000 more for the support of the commission now doing that work.

The economy and efficiency commission has already saved to the taxpayers of the country more than $3,000,000 annually by its suggestions and by the time it has completed its work it is believed ten times this sum can be saved annually to the taxpayers. In the matter of railroad fare for government officials alone it has found that $12,000,000 was expended in a single year at the highest prevailing railroad rates. At least a fourth of this can be saved by the application of business methods such as President Taft has applied and has insisted shall be applied to all the departments of the government.



THE RECALL OF A DECISION.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Tabor was killed by a Southern train a few days ago. He was one of the most intelligent young men of this section.

WISHES TO CORRESPOND.

Mrs. N. H. Potts and Mrs. Fannie Williams, widows, of Canon City, Col., wish to correspond with educated men of good business qualities. Mrs. N. H. Potts, 907 Greenwood, Canon City, Col.; Mrs. Fannie Williams, 1323 River street, Canon City, Col.

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To Whom It May Concern:
I am a married woman and have been for ten years. I had only lived six months in any peace on earth in my home until I consulted this worthy woman. Two years ago, and since then, my home, by taking her advice, has been all that any family could wish. I am your sister in Christ,
MRS. W. H. H.,
Sherman, Texas.

To Whom It May Concern:
My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a run-about and around, a gambler, and the most wicked man that our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. o-day, I will say it is on a stair-steps of ibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.
I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
MRS. T. G. D.,
Oklahoma, Okla.

My Dear Friends:
I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,
MRS. JOSIE T. M.,
Washington, D. C.

To Whom It May Concern.
I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1912.

Spring had a serious relapse.

They had a monkey and a parrot of a time.

Now ready for the next installment of political trouble.

The Colored Roosevelt Club fellows were flim-flammed, that's all.

The great array of tents for the automobile show even look good from the outside.

We need a few persons to keep us posted on the various elections that are being held.

So the colonel wanted a presidential primary. He didn't like it as much as he thought he would.

The temperature has been ideal for the big automobile show, but the sun has acted so obscurely.

The weather is noted for its perverseness. If it weren't for who sent it there'd a been some strong language about before this.

It's now time to be making for the band wagon. Indiana and New York are the pivotals. They stood up for Taft. The rest will be plain sailing.

We congratulate Dr. S. A. Furniss for his selection as alternate delegate at large to the Republican national convention at Chicago. The doctor is a stalwart from way back.

Mr. Roosevelt may have had some good political ideas in his Columbus speech, but if so they were so greatly overshadowed by the bad ones that they were entirely lost sight of.

Jack Johnson had one big, glorious time in Louisville, Ky. They wined and dined the big smoke until there was nothing to it. Didn't have a bit of trouble, as he feared he might have.

Dr. Furniss has been honored. James N. Shelton has been honored. Who's the next? Let us see, there's the Legislature looking good and inviting. Remember the old saw, "While there is life there is hope."

Initiative, referendum and recall as issues have been recalled. They are as dead as Hector and justly so. Their resurrection is due when we are ready to turn the government to that unwieldy democracy which congregates on the village commons and votes viva voce. Representative government is the lineal descendant and the fitter thing for government by the people.

A. Lee Garrett, representing the American Funeral Supply Company, of Charleston, W. Va., was in the city this week in the interest of his company and also on business in connection with the National Association of Colored Undertakers. Mr. Lee seems a useful member of his race. In connection with his other concerns he represents the Colored Trade's Journal for Embalmers. The Funeral Supply Company is a wholesale concern, the only one in the country by colored men.

The Louisville Evening Post tells us that our eminent journalist, Cary B. Lewis, is more than making good on his southern investigating trip. He has addressed large gatherings in every city he has visited, and, judging from the press comments, his ovations were unprecedented. Cary has a happy faculty of making good in whatever situation he is placed, and while in the true sense he is not a real Chicagoan, we feel a sort of proprietary interest in him, knowing that wherever he goes the "Windy City" will be represented. —Chicago Defender.

Mr. Lewis put in at Indianapolis last Tuesday, to the delight of his friends and acquaintances. He has done some telling work in his itinerary of investigation and lectures. He is editor of the Illinois Chronicle of Chicago and correspondent for The Freeman and other publications. He is a young man who is full of snap and hustle.

WHY RAISE THE MAINE?

The Chicago Defender says: "After all, what was accomplished by raising the Maine? Most of us think that way at first blush. We think, what was the use if the watery grave were yawning still?

In a recent publication was a striking picture of a scene in Havana, Cuba. The streets were lined with citizens with bowed, uncovered heads. Passing were sailors, soldiers, high civilians of our own country and perhaps those of Cuba, bearing amid them caskets containing all that was mortal of those seaman that sank with that unfortunate vessel.

The seamen are no longer neglected. Their rescued bones have been properly entombed in the great, God-given mausoleum, where the salvos of deep-mouthed guns resurrect them in our memories as they do their brother unfortunates. Here they will share whatever tribute willing hearts and hands bring and cast down.

Then, too, genius has been rewarded—in the feat of raising the vessel. To the uninitiated this was a wonder of the century. Here was evidenced men's present-day fitness for doing great things. De Lesseps built his Suez, but could not build the Panama. Progress in science and invention have made rapid strides since that day. The demonstration of the raising of the Maine was a scientific demonstration along that line and worth the while.

As to who or what shot up the Maine is by no means certain, in spite of the revised opinion. Better things, however, have been done—the dead remembered and honored. Science has demonstrated its progress.

THE CONTEST.

Indiana has been very much in the limelight for the last two weeks. The State maintains its importance as pivotal, consequently what is done here politically helps materially to shapen affairs. The leadsers of the Taft forces and of the Roosevelt forces began early to fight for advantage. The State has always been inclined to Taft, notwithstanding former Chairman Lee's studious prediction that so far as the State was concerned, that it wasn't worth while to nominate the President.

Naturally enough, there were others, many of them, of opposing views. They got busy, and as a result the State was carried handsomely for Mr. Taft. The introduction of ex-Senator Beveridge as a Roosevelt worker made the fight exciting and unfortunately cost bitterness of feeling, owing to the vigor thrown into the campaign. This was complimentary to Mr. Beveridge, nevertheless, proving that he was not without friends and who rallied at his call.

Unfortunately Mr. Beveridge was allied with the forces that stood for the Roosevelt doctrines, which have been so roundly denounced by an overwhelming majority of the thoughtful men of the country. The menace of the third term possibility had to be beaten back in the interest of the nation's perpetuity. The people are at times misled by big-sounding terms and big names, but when Mr. Roosevelt would plead for unrepresentative government rather than those sent from the people, and especially prepared for the service to be rendered, the danger of the teaching was plain to see.

Indiana has not been known for entertaining false or pernicious governing ideas. At the necessary moment the State spoke in the old strain, voicing the principles of President Taft and that great body of thoughtful men referred to. Indiana is safely in the Taft fold, meaning the indorsement of his honest, sincere effort at bringing the best to the citizens of the republic.

MR. CARNEGIE ASKED TO VISIT MOUND BAYOU, MISS.

When Andrew Carnegie was in Hot Springs the other day I. T. Montgomery, founder of Mound Bayou, Miss., the well-known Negro town, called on him, requesting that he pay a visit to Mound Bayou. Mr. Carnegie apparently did not find it convenient to make the visit. Good, however, promises to follow the invitation. He had the following to say:

"My Dear Mr. Montgomery,

Former slave of Jefferson Davis and now the pioneer of Mound Bayou, Miss..—I desire to express my delight at having met you as one who has become a leader of his race upward, fit companion of my friend, Booker Washington, whose pioneer work you have built upon at Mound Bayou.

"It is all a matter of education in all its various departments. Five hundred years before Christ that true apostle, Confucius, proclaimed that 'there being education, there can be no distinction between classes.' So true it is that the man who knows becomes thereby a member of the first rank.

"If, therefore, your community proves that it knows how to organize and conduct the people in the path of orderly development and mutual service as each can render it for the general good, rest assured the future will take care of itself, not each one for himself, but for each other, is the passport to success.

"Your race has in the last forty-five years made greater advances than any other known to history. I am greatly pleased at having had the pleasure of conferring with you and your friends this morning and wish earnestly for your success at Mound Bayou.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW CARNEGIE."

NEGROES OF BALTIMORE INDORSE TAFT.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 26.—President Taft was indorsed for renomination at a largely attended meeting at the Seventeenth ward organization, held Tuesday at the residence of Councilman Harry S. Cummings, 1318 Druid Hill avenue. James N. Young, State central committeeman for the ward, presided, and William Murray acted as secretary. Resolutions were adopted, saying, among other things, that "President Taft, by his wisdom, solidity and breadth of mind, has inspired not only the confidence of the party, but has made friends for republicanism among all classes throughout the land." Mr. Cummings is certain that Maryland will be for Taft at Chicago.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Samuel Beatty, 717 North Neil street, fell on the ice last week and broke the ligaments in one of her arms....Mr. Z. Bibbs, an employe of the Beardsley Hotel, returned last week from visiting friends and relatives in Springfield, Ill.... Miss Willa May Jones departed Tuesday, at 10:25, for Lafayette, Ind., for her health. She will be gone for an indefinite length of time....The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Champaign street, by Z. L. Breedlove....Miss Jessie Jordan left Friday afternoon, March 28, for Bloomington, to attend the E. T. C. Girls' annual. ....Miss Mildred Brown is ill....Mr. Elmer Brown has signed up with the Kansas City, Mo., baseball team for the season. Mr. Lewis Johnson has signed up with the St. Louis Giants baseball team for the season....Miss Alice Lee left Friday afternoon for Bloomington, to attend the E. T. C. Girls' annual.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Annual Service of the K. of P.'s at First Baptist Church—L. R. Diggs for Grand Chancellor—Lawrenceburg School Closing—Miss Coleman Presents "Out in the Streets" in Three Acts—Tallaboo to Tour Kentucky—Dr. Underwood to Address K. of P.'s at Shelbyville.

(By Hardin Tolbert, at People's Pharmacy. Both Phones 666. Box 223.)

FRANKFORT, Ky., (Special)—The largest crowd of Knights of Pythias that has ever assembled in this city since the state grand lodge session, was at the First Baptist church, opposite the Governor's mansion, on Sunday, March 24. A historical record went down in the Pythian record. Special interurban cars from Versailles and along the line brought to this city hundreds of persons. The church was filled in every nook and corner. Children were made to stand in the windows, and a number of persons heard the sermon the best they could from the outside. In this section of the state to be a Pythian is as great as it was to be a Roman in the days of old. Both uniform ranks marched to the church. The Pride Lodge, No. 12, the winner of the national prize at ansas City, an, and the B. K. Bruce Company D, who won the second prize in Pennsylvania. Col. Parker Pear is training the "Cadets" with that spartan spirit to conquer or die. Sir James A. Ray was master of ceremonies. The following program was rendered: Chorus, "Rock of Ages," choir; Scripture reading, Rev. W. T. Silvey; invocation, Rev. E. J. Jackson; chorus, "Holy, Holy, Holy," choir; reading of S. G.'s proclamation, Sir J. M. Glass, V. C.; solo, Miss Charity Bayd; essay, "Court of Calanthe," Miss Maymie Woolfork; paper, "Cadets,'5' Captain Ellworth Underwood; chorus, choir; U. R., First regiment, Col. H. Peay; U. R. Second regiment, Col. J. L. Lawson; solo, Prof. H. C. Russell; address, Dr. H. P. Taylor, of Versailles, Ky.; benediction, Rev. T. A. Thompson.

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Lawyer L. R. Diggs, of Georgetown, Ky., is a candidate for grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Kentucky. The sentiment in this section of this grand old Blue Grass state seems to be manifest, with that slogan, 'We are bound for Bowling Green to the grand session, and Sir. L. R. Diggs for chancellor." Sir Diggs has the brain, integrity, executive power, and the best of all, he has supreme control of himself, which is the best quality to learn of in a man before you cast your vote for grand chancellor. The endorsement of central Kentucky seems solid for Sir Diggs. The noble people in this section know him as a master in the school room, where he first started his career after finishing college; second as a prominent lawyer among his people. He has been continually a servant to his Almighty. We hope that each delegate will go to the grand session at Bowling Green with no personal feelings, and out of the three candidates, Sir H. F. Jones, of Henderson; Sir A. L. Garvin, of Winchester, and Sir L. R. Diggs, will take into consideration the man and not their friend. We have hopes that Sir L. R. Diggs will be our next grand chancellor of the state.

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The Lawrenceburg public school closed March 22, with a successful year's work under the direction of Prof. S. L. Smith. Prof. Smith is a graduate of the Shelbyville public school and studied a few years at Fisk University. He has the proud distinction of graduating from the Springfield high school with the highest honor of his class. Prof. Smith was the first and last colored person to ever deliver the valedictory address at Springfield, O., high school. Prof. R. D. Roman, who addressed the Kentucky legislature while astudent at the Normal Institute, made the principal address. Prof. Roman is a fluent speaker. There was one young lady to graduate. A swell banquet was given the Alumni association, and Miss Laura Allen, the sweet and affectionate young lady, delivered the address of the occasion. Redman's orchestra of Frankfort furnished the music.

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Miss Mayden J. Coleman, a teacher at the Normal Institute, presented a play at the First Baptist church on Friday night, "Out in the Street," a temperance play in three acts. A large audience was in attendance, and every person in the drama carried out their part to perfection. Miss Fannie Jackson, a member of the senior class and a very fascinating young girl, played her role with great credit. Miss M. J. Coleman is the youngest member of the Normal faculty, and was a graduate in the class of '12. She was a student at Eckstine Norton Institute and has taught some very high class schools in the state. Miss Coleman deserves much credit for presenting to the public such a high-class performance.

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Lawyer R. N. Harper's (of Louisville), "Tallaboo" a high-class musical company, that was to appear here March 25th, will not appear until April 8. "Tallaboo" is considered by the press as the best musical colored company, composed exclusively of Nebroes on the Ameciran stage. Tickets will be on sale at the Capital theater Saturday morning at 9:30. Prices, $1.00, 75c. and 50c. "Tallaboo" will play in all of the principal cities of the state.

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Dr. E. E. Underwood, one of our oldest and most prominent physicians, will deliver an address at Shelbyville, Ky., on Sunday, March 31, at St. John M. E. church, to the nights of Pythias of that city. A very excellent program is to be rendered, and a large crowd is expected to be present to hear this fluent orator.

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Miss Lucy Tyler was the hostess for a very swell party of young ladies at her cozy residence on Elm stret. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Killarney roses and pink carnations and ferns. A four-course menu was served. The ladies were very exquisitely dresed and were Mrs. Mary L. Webster, Mary Stout and Miss M. Allen. A delightful evening was spent.

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Mrs. Nellie Galvery, of Louisville, Ky., arrived in the city to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graves, on Mero street.

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Mr. Eugene Stone is able to be out after a few weeks' illness of la grippe.

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Mrs. Mattie L .Anderson was the hostess for the Women's Economic Club at her residence on Logan street. A delightful afternoon was spent, and many live subjects of the day were discussed. Mrs. M. B. Jackson is the president.

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Miss Pauline Woolfork has returned from Mildon, Ky., after a pleasant year of teaching. She found her mother very ill upon her arrival.

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Mrs. Millie L. Robert, of Louisville and husband, former prominent residents of this city, have returned to be the guests of many friends.

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Rev. J. W. Million, of Nicklesville, Ky., is in the city on business, distributing minutes for the Consolidated Baptist Educational Convention.

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Mr. Clifton Peoples was elected president of the Jacksonian Literary Society of the Normal Institute.

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The Freeman is on sale at the Peoples' pharmacy, the most popular place in the city. The headquarters for strangers.

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Rev. J. M. Mundy, grand master of the colored Masons of Kentucky, appointed Prof. William H. Mayo, of this city, to the position of grand secretary of the grand lodge of Kentucky, in the place of Prof. W. P. Annis, who resigned on account of other important business. Prof. Mayo is at present the head of the colored Knights Templar in the United States and Canada. He will preside over the international conclave at Washington, D. C., next August. He is also a 33rd degree Mason, which few men ever reach.

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The Women's Club met at the Normal Institute, and Mrs. Addie Smith, the matron, was the hostess and the club was most exquisitely entertained. This club is maintained for religious, literary and charitable work. In the recitation hall of the girls' dormitory five small tables were placed and on each were a few American beauty roses carnations and ferns. Misses Mary Sweeney and Willie Eads beautifully catered the menu prepared by Mrs. Smith, which consisted of biscuits, fruit and chicken salad, French peas, olives, peach cream and cake. An excellent program was rendered.

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Prof. J. S. Hathaway, president of the Normal Institute, accepted the invitation to deliver an address at Richmond, Ky., at the A. M. E. church, before the Knights of Pythias and Court of Calanthe.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Better Sidewalks, Paved Streets and Corner Lights Needed in Negro District, Is the Slogan.

Just think of the great good that The Freeman is doing each week. It will astonish most of our people, who do not take the time to think and read. However, it is helping in every way to stimulate business ideas, encourage better confidence of the whole people everywhere. It is a paper that brings to your home good cheer each week, telling of what the race is doing in the various avenues. If your friends are not readers, let them know what great things of importance they are missing. See that they subscribe at once, as others are doing daily. See Griffin, 2922 Cochran street....When it rains then you see the condition of your streets and sidewalks and lights, Mr. Nonprogressive, also the school lots. Will it hurt any one section in which the colored people reside to have pavements and cement walks laid, so that those who live in them could come and go to and from without having to wade and swim in the mud and water, as is ofttimes the case with hundreds of our people? Call meetings and petition the commissioners for your needs and stand by each other, to have what you want done, and keep at it until something has been done, if it takes a year. Go to the polls and vote for school improvements and street work and more lights. We need some of the white wing work in this old town, is the thought of The Freeman reporter. We see every nation represented but the sons of Ham, and the only cause is we are not solidly voting to help the race. Let the voters get together and be a benefit to each other, and it will not be long to wait for needed improvements in our sections of the city. It is a sad mistake to see in a city like Dallas, the large number of white and black people who are doing business and want you and your friends to trade with them year in and year out, who never think of doing any advertising of their wares and places of business in anything owned or controlled by members or firms of your race. We think it high time that members of the race who know these things exist should come out and let it be known that it pays, and pays well, to advertise with firms and members of the race who are in the business, to lift up and place the public's confidence in the whole people and business world, and members of the race could do publishers and printers great good if they would only speak out on the advertisement to the men who do business and advertise with Negro concerns, and stop trading with those who never consider or do any advertising with our people. It is up to the men in business to further consider and decide....Brigadier General John L. Jones, of Texas, issued commissions to the following officers of his staff and members of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., of Texas, last Sunday, March 24, at the armory in Castle Hall: Dr. Gordon Phipps, Corsicana; Jim M. Talbert, Dallas; W. E. King, Dallas; J. G. Griffin, Dallas; T. J. Baggby, Dallas. As soon as others qualify the issuance will be made. The General seems much elated at the way things of his department are taking on new life. At San Antonio, in June, there will be more than twelve companies represented, and around the Rank's headquarters everything but a dull Pythian time will be the order, with military bearings, and open house to one and all, day and night, all of Grand Lodge week, where every delegate will be made welcome, and the Calanthe sisters will feel at home....The remains of Mr. Clarence Kincheon, who died last Tuesday week, and who was an active member of Mantone Lodge, K. of P., No. 282, were shipped to Austin, his former home. The body was given a true Pythian burial by the boys of Capital City and other lodges there. His brother, wife and sister-in-law accompanied the remains and have returned home. We sympathize with the bereaved family in this affliction....Some unknown persons were caught in the act of looting the store of Mr. F. H. Harrison, 2100 Allen street, Wednesday night. They were frightened away by Mr. Harrison, who was knocked senseless for a while by the intruders. It was necessary to take several stitches in his head, and he was laid up for several days. Nothing of value was taken from the store, and no one has been caught or identified. The barking of the dog caused the plans of the intruders to be spoiled, and they beat it hurriedly....Mrs. Georgia Jones and family, of Fort Worth, spent several days here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones, 2710 Union alley, after which they left for Marshall, to be the guests of relatives and friends....If you are in business and want the public to know it, you should advertise your place and wares. Don't be a dead one. Come to life and be a live one. Read The Freeman and buy where they say your trade will be appreciated, and others say so, too....Mrs. M. L. Kitrell made a three weeks' trip to the East, which will be of material benefit to her....Twenty-one were taken into St. Luke No. 1, Empire No. 339 and Mantone No. 282, Tuesday night, and they should have been in long ago. The important and burning question now is, Will you stay, brothers? We'll see....Mrs. Fannie Alexander, of Aberline, and Mrs. Pearl Westbrook, of Fort Worth, were here at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Liter Powell, who is now up....Mr. Hagie Lewis is in Southtown for a while.... Chas. Cooper and Jerome Smith are East Side enthusiasts....Gregg, Davis and McMillon, singers of some note, entertained in the Fort during convention time. These boys have the operatic voices, and can come back, so it is said....Mr. G. H. Wymann is running in the Pullman service out of the Fort....Mr. M. C. Little is running out of Dallas over the C. & R. Railroad. We are looking for other knights of the roads who enter Dallas daily, in the future, to join The Freeman circle while here, and help to spread good cheer wherever they go....Mr. George Tarbbuton, of this city, is visiting relatives in Kansas City, Mo....Mr. Robert Hall, of Fort Worth, made a business trip here last Friday....We found the following persons on the sick list this week: Mr. Henry Smith, Mrs. Ellen Gilbert, Mrs. Queen Peel....Sadness came to the family and friends when the message was received in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rowan, Wednesday of last week, telling of the death of their daughter, Mazella, a student at Wiley University. It was one of the saddest funerals held in the city for quite a while. Services were held at the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner Cottage lane and Hawkin streets, the pastor officiating. Many sorrowing schoolmates and friends of the family were there to witness thel ast sad rites and pay their tribute in memorial to one whom they all dearly loved. We all sympathize with the relatives in this sad hour. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery..... Among the distinguished guests in the metropolis who have been a help to the race, the past week, were Bishops Tyree, Mme. Annta Patti Brown, assisted by some of the best local talent, and were heard by quite an audience while here.... We may not reach everybody, but those of you that we do reach, tell so much of the good we are doing, until it keeps us adding new readers every day, here and there, for which we thank you one and all, and aim to keep after readers continually until we have 1,000 here. So keep telling those who never read The Freeman, and explain the great good it is doing everywhere for those who do read. ....The cold rain and freezing weather did come back after several days of bright sunshine. It keeps lots of our people on their way to the wood and coal yards.....The health department reports over seventy-five cases of spinal meningitis in the hospital, so it is yet up to the public to continue and use due caution as a preventive....Little Miss Johnnie Mai Tolliver enjoyed her three-year birthday anniversary on last Monday afternoon, with a number of her little playmates, at the residence of her parents, on Allen street....Mrs. D. Z. Hill, of Cripple Creek, Colo., is here visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. P. McCord, 2919 Cochran street, this being Mrs. Hill's former residence. She is being shown many social courtesies by friends.....The society young people of the city are planning some social events for the near future.... What has become of the various literary organizations of the metropolis that heretofore held full sway at the various churches weekly? They filled a long-felt want in the estimation of the thinking young people, and old ones, too. They should be revived and put into activity again....A colored feed store is much needed here, if the looks of some of our expressmen's horses count for anything. It is badly needed, before the humane officers get busy on their trail, as the law of this State says to properly care for all dumb animals that are constantly used. ....It was awfully muddy last Sunday, but the Knights and Courts were out and around there, and so was Dr. A. K. Hawkins. He had the order trimmings and kept them plenty hot throughout the sermon. The orders were loud in their praise of the vocalist who served on the program. The orders were escorted to and from the church by Prof. A. A. Smith's Young Knights of Pythias Band and Prof. H. D. Spears' Military Band, General Jones and staff, and Pride of the West Company, No. 4, and Oriental Company, No. 15, Uniform Rank, and officers. All bore a military appearance, and were watched by hundreds of people of both races all along the route, going and coming. Hon. M. M. Rodgers, State grand keeper of records and seals, of Lagrange, was here, and spoke encouragingly to the vast audience. Mrs. M. H. Leach easily won the distinction of reading the greatest paper on Calantheanism ever heard in the metropolis by Courts and Sir Knights, and was applauded to the echo.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Write or wire me of the whereabouts of my mother and sisters—Harriet Moore, Nancy C. Williams, Jemmima Cooper—who lived at Flora, Madison county, Miss., between aJckson and Yazoo City. Address Willie Washington, 3206 Cochran street, Dallas, Tex. All preachers in Mississippi kindly read at services.

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ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR 999.

P. L. Jenkins writes from Pensacola, Fla.: We are nearing our extended tour of the land of sunshine and flowers. Everybody is well and happy. C. A. La Rose, remale impersonator, for the past six seasons with this company, was called home March 10 on account of the death of his beloved aunt. He was completely prostrated by this irreparable loss. The whole company extends their sympathy to him and family in this sad hour. Wm. Earl, as Officer Lightbody, featuring "O I Am So Bad;" Chas. E. Rue, as "Charlie;" Jas. Wise, as Bad Peter from Missouri, the man who has killed ninety-nine men, assisted by the company, serve to drive the audience into peals of laughter nightly, in a thirty-minute act, entitled "The Barbers' Ball." Edward Alexander, of Little Rock, Ark., cornet, violin and 'cello, joined March 7 at Jacksonville, Fla. He has proven himself a valuable asset to Prof. McCamon's superb band and orchestra, and the professor is blandly smiling. The Brooks Trio, Paul, Cliff and Sunny, are still scoring in their original act, entitled "I'll Just Go You."

"THE TRUE LIGHT" OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

Have you seen THE REPLY Archbishop Evans made to Evangelist W. C. Thompson, of Kansas City, Mo., on the second coming of Christ? It is published in the columns of THE TRUE LIGHT, which is issued at 337 West Forty-first street, New York City, by the True Light Army. This paper is 10 cents a copy, but a free copy, containing this great reply of Christ's coming, is offered to every Negro Christian who will ask for one, on the condition that they each will promise in his application that he will call the attention of their best neighbors to the publication. This reply is the greatest ever published on the second coming of Christ, and everybody should see it. It is exceedingly wonderful and unique.

Archbishop Justus J. Evans, D. G., the author.

THE UNION THEATRE, INDIANAPOLIS, OPENS ITS DOORS.

According to advertisement, the Union Theater, formerly the New Walker, threw its doors open to the public Monday evening, March 25, under the management of Jones and Turner.

The house has been changed and beautified. It meets the approval of all as a playhouse that is worthy of the patronage of all. The lobby is about as pretty a one as can be. Boxes have been added, the stage enlarged and other telling improvements have been made.

The opening was a big success. Potted plants were seen here and there in groups and in convenient niches. Rich, rare oil paintings, that plainly spoke their worth, adorned the walls. Great chandeliers suspended from the high ceiling, and other accessories, gave artistic effect.

The audience was large. It gave evidence of satisfaction with its surroundings. The players were happily received, most of whom were compelled to return and "take their bows."

The orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. Albert Johnson, pianist, tuned up and began putting it on. It went big, according to the applause received. Manager Jones, in a neat speech, told of the expense to which the management had gone in order to make the house convenient and beautiful.

The bill offered for the opening was a good one. Everybody was happy, to use the language of Ernest Hogan. Cumby and Brown have been seen before in Indianapolis; nevertheless they are a good pair. Cumby, the male partner, created a furore by his eccentric dancing. His lines were good, humorous, taking. He went big in his song, "That Shot Got Him." Miss Brown does a neat, taking turn. Her talking part is bright and sparkling—the two making a team that ought to pass on any vaudeville stage. They should feel complimented by the ap-

CLEVER "BILLY" CUMBY.

plause given. The verdict of the streets next day was that Cumby and Brown topped the bill.

Wilson and Dewey, "The Bandman and His Band," furnished a good share of the fun. Both have good singing and talking voices. They were well received.

Morton and Johnson got in favor from the jump. Their work is as clear-cut as a cameo. Mr. Morton is refined in his work, as the term may apply to vaudeville. Miss Johnson is a conscientious, painstaking little worker, and is meeting her reward. They have been seen here before, but not to the advantage seen this time.

Fanny Wise, well known to the stage, came with a reputation as a soprano singer. Miss Wise has a pretty voice, which she uses effectively. Her high tones are especially pretty, showing culture in the easy and graceful descent and ascent of portions of scales and broken chords. She was appreciated.

The Cubanola Trio, "Those Three Clever Girls," as they are also called, gave a nice entertainment. Their costuming was becoming, and the scenic effort was in the right direction. A well-known Indian song was rendered in a very unusually taking way.

As before stated, the entire bill was good and worthy of the best patronage.

The Union Theater promises to stay.

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CINCINNATI THEATERS.

The colored people are the main attractions this week in Cincinnati. In fact, if you are not a little brown, well, then, you are entirely out of it, and it is safe to say that brown will be all the rage from now on, during this week. White folks are not in it; nobody pays them any heed. "Just because," down at the Pekin Theater, Winn and Nugent screamed them with a rapid-fire singing and dancing turn. The team is a new one here, and they scored a winner. Miss Carrie Nugent is the best dancer of them all. Miss Lucy Shepherd was there with a couple of good singing numbers, at each show, while Miss Bessie Hocker packs them in at the matinees. This is a good bill and the box office will do a good business all week.

Jack Johnson, champion boxer of the world, is appearing this week at the People's Theater, with the Moulin Rouge Burlesque Company. This is the champion's first visit to our city, and he has made a grand impression during his short stay. The people of this city knew nothing of the champion only what they had read in the various newspapers, which, as a rule, was never very complimentary; and the horrible cut that is used by the company to advertise Johnson created the impression that we were to see something of the ferocious type, and his coming was awaited with much interest. Sunday morning, hours before his arrival, though it was raining, thousands of people lined the streets from the depot to the Gaither apartments, on Fifth avenue, waiting for just one glimpse at the champion of all champions, and upon his arrival a great demonstration could be heard among the large gathering. Loud was the cheering, while the old men and young men and boys threw their hats in the air, and the applause was coming from persons of all nationalities and all walks of life. A packed house greeted him at the afternoon matinee show that represented in a manner some of Cincinnati's leading business men. They gave him a rousing reception when he was introduced. The conqueror of James J. Jeffries appeared in brown tights, resembling that character in one of Albert Ross's masterpieces, "The Black Adonis." He sparred three friendly rounds with his sparring partner, Kid Cutler, and was loudly cheered at the wind-up. He was compelled to respond to numbers of calls for a speech. He was in good humor and soon had the crowd with him. He answered all questions hurled at him in a very intelligent manner. He had nothing but praise for those who have gone before him, and all challengers. He will be the guest of honor at several banquets during his stay in this city.

Burt Grant and Irving Jones are showing at B. F. Keith's this week. This is one of the oldest acts in vaudeville, playing over the best time, and is the hit of the bill. Every critic on the daily papers gives them this credit.

"My Friend from Dixie," with J. Leubrie Hill, opened at the Olympic to a good matinee, Sunday. This is one of the best musical shows on the road to-day. The company consists of forty people, with J. Leubrie Hill, Tiny Ray and Sam Gaines as principal comedians, and Will Brown doing straight work. The company has one of the best choruses heard here in many days. "While Mum's the Word," as sung by an octette, is a big number. Miss Lillian Bradford, Miss Adele Johnson, Miss Marie Banks, Miss Marie Wayne, Miss Evon Robinson, Miss Blanch Kelly and Miss Oma Crosby Brown all have prominent parts, and make up a beautiful female chorus. The Old Men's Quartette, consisting of Wm. Maudleff, Chas. Olden, Arthur Carr and Hamilton White, were compelled to respond to several encores, while the quintette, consisting of Chas. Woody, Wm. Kelley, Tiny Ray, Chas. Roberts and Robert Murray, could not be beat. In fact, every member of the company is a star in his line. J. Leubrie Hill deserves a lot of credit for such an excellent company. Clarence Logan is the advance man, and made many friends during his stay in Cincinnati.

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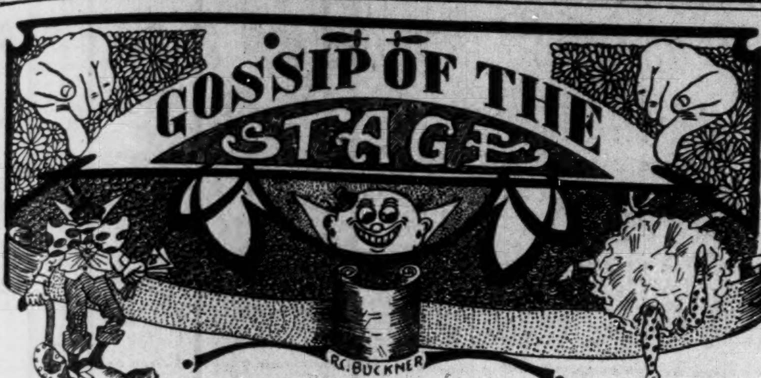

Martin and Motley at the Daly theater, Baltimore, this week.

Tim Owsley would like to hear from Wiggings and Wiggings.

W. W. Whitmore is making good with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

Rogers and Wiley are at the Family theater, Indianapolis, this week.

G. A. Riley, of Riley and Riley, is now working single in Jacksonville, Fla.

Williams and Stevens in their fifth week at the Auditorium theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnson and Watts are at the Victoria Theater, Market street, Philadelphia, this week.

Alberta Whitman is on the job again this week at the Manhattan Theater, Broadway, New York City.

Happy Lockhart, the singing and dancing and talking comedian, making good at the Little Savoy theater, Memphis, Tenn.

Lew Francis, formerly with the "Hottest Coon in Dixie," is working with the "Happy Three" in and around Detroit, Mich.

That mysterious trio, Green, Pugh and Green, are still in Atlanta, and will open at the Olio Theater, Louisville, Ky., on April 1.

Laura S. Logan, sweet soprano, character woman, with the Pekin Stock Company, Alexander, La., is making pleasing appearances.

The Marvelous La Vola, the famous slack wire king, is having great success. He opened March 25 at the Star Theater, Martinsville, Va.

Laura Smith is at the head of the bill at the new Savoy theater, Memphis, Tenn. She is in the front ranks of her class. Good wardrobe.

Mme. Cordelia McClain and Pauline Crampton going fine at Fairyland theater, Washington, D. C., after a successful stay at Hopkins theater.

Thornton and Long are in their fourth week at the Rex Theater, Winston-Salem, N. C. The boys are highly appreciated by the Winston-Salem audiences.

The Russells, Joe and Amanda, at the Keith's opera house, Marquette, Mich., this week; Orpheum theater, Superior, Wis., next week; Gaiety, St. Paul, Minn., to follow.

The long and short of it, the team of Little Irma and Elbert White, are now playoing their second week at the Theatorium theater, Wilmington, N. C., and making good.

Lew Hall, styled the Bert Williams of the South, is making good of his opportunity at the new Savoy theater, Memphis, Tenn. He expects to let the world know about him in the near future.

The Carter Trio at Heuck's theater, Cincinnati, week of March 18; week of March 25, Music hall, Covington, Ky. Paul Carter is arranging for a summer show under canvas, to open April 15.

Chas. Anderson, the character artist, has closed at the Imperial theater, Jackson, Tenn., after four weeks of great success. Now in Birmingham, Ala., with Chamberlin minstrel show. Will start out April 15th.

The Pewees just closed a week's engagement at the Gem theater, Lexington. Grand, Chattanooga, Tenn., follows. Having great success along the line. Will play as far as Jacksonville, Fla., then start back to open in New York in the fall.

Troy Vincent Bevinean, together with Ferd E. Mierisch, the New York song writer, has written a pretty march song, entitled "You'll Want Me Back Some Day." Published by Gotham Attuckes Music Co. Mr. Bevincan would like his song tried out.

Sylvester Russell complains that too many friends and strangers have been asking favors by mail and telegrams sent to Chicago, and states that he will no longer be able to consider anybody unless they send money to pay him for his time and labor.

An airdome theater will open on or about April 15 at 319 DeVilliers street, Pensacola, Fla., with a seating capacity of about 800. Silent drama; high-class singers and a good orchestra will be the attraction. The DeVillier Amusement Co. are the promoters.

The celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, opened at the Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga., Monday, March 25, going fine. After leaving there Leon will be en route West. Any one wishing to write can address him at 99 Houston street, Atlanta, Ga.

Roster of Ringling Bros.' Annex Concert Band: Prof. R. Roy Pope, director; Frank Belt, assistant; Preston Duncan, Andrew Scott, P. A. Venable, Walter Hinson, William Smith, Nathaniel Stirman, Buford Palmer, Alex. Jackson, M. Lee Perry and Jesse Boltimore. This band includes some of the best musicians in the profession, and they are all young men, several of them not yet twenty-one. It is a carefully selected band of gentlemen.

Jas. Crosby, formerly of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, but now manager of the Creole Belles, and Mrs. Mary Webb, of Brownsville, Tenn., were quietly married at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Saddler, 527 South Eleventh street, Monday, March 25, at 6 o'clock p. m. Rev. Parks, of Union Baptist church, officiated. Billy Butler and Miss Louise Saddler attended the couple. Billy Butler, of Pittsburg, Pa., is permanently settled at 527 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Pa., after spending the winter in the South. Sends regards to all friends.

Prof. R. Roy Pope and his band of twelve pieces, which will again be featured with the Ringling Bros.' World's Greatest Circus, will open rehearsals at Danville, Ill., April 21. Prof. Pope wishes to extend the invitation to all traveling bands who, if possible, can meet his band to compete and prove which is the better band, as he positively declares that he has the finest band (colored, and of its size) in the world; also, their deportment is of the highest standard. Ask the public where they have been. Best wishes to all.

When the body of Lew Proctor, the actor, was deposited at Glenwood cemetery, Chicago, Ill., on March 20th, Sylvester Russell was the only friend who accompanied the body to the grave, where he strew flowers on the lowered coffin in sympathy for Mr. Proctor's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Broom, of New York, who were also friends of Mr. Russell, and could not be located. Mr. Russell knew Proctor several years ago in Boston, Mass., and knew him to be from a good family. Mr. Proctor was in the habit of taking baths in the day time. When he caught a March cold, Russell had warned him of the danger of contracting the pneumonia, two weeks before his death.

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—"Can You Beat It" is the opening song written by Mr. Sid Perrin for the opening number of their act, which seems to be used as a by-word whenever the trio apear. Here is a little incident relative to the Pumpkin Colored Trio that happened during their engagement at the Colonial, Erie, Pa. It was last Tuesday after the matinee, Mr. Sid Perrin and his wife, Mrs. Goldie (Crosby) Perrin, on their way home from the theater, and right in front of the 10-cent store, there was a crowd of youngsters busily engaged in conversation with Mr. Henry Saparo, the straight man of the trio. Mrs. Perrin left Perrin to go into the 10-cent store, so Perrin joined Saparo and the bunch of white admirers of the act. One was heard to say, "They should've moved you further down the bill, your act goes just as good as Chas. Olcott, though he is a favorite here." Another said, "Oh, his piano playing and bull pull them, that is why the papers said he was the hit of the bill." Another said, "Do you know the Kemps? (Yes), well they went great here, too. Gee, how I laughed when he said (me lead dat lion around) Oh, La-da No-mamm, Oh, La-da." Another youngster said, "They was good, all right. Thirteen little news kids were taking in the conversation, when the opportunity arrived he looked at Perrin, and said, "Can you beat it?" Just then a cop came along and said to all of us, "Beat it further down the line, you're blocking the sidewalk." We did. Can you beat it.

"MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE."

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—There is any amount of legitimate fun, laughter, wit and endurable novelty in the new musical comedy, "My Friend from Dixie," which has been selected to exploit the rare talents of J. Leubrie Hill and the most incomparable company of colored comedians, dancers and artists in the theatrical limelight.

This monster attraction, which consists of forty people, will be seen at the Walnut Street Theater, starting Sunday matinee, March 31. "My Friend from Dixie" is wedded to the most tuneful music one would care to hear, and embellished with enough features to launch the most pretentious stage offering. The play is in three acts, and deals with the excruciatingly funny efforts of two humble Negroes, Jim Jackson Lee and his pal, Bill Simmons, who leave Kentucky together in search of their fortunes. Bill Simmons goes to New York, and later on lands in Washington, D. C., while Jim Jackson Lee goes to Leesburg, a small town in Virginia, where he afterwards marries the daughter of a rich plantation owner by the name of Jasper Green.

During this time Bill Simmons, while in Washington, becomes an important factor in the Colored Men's Business League, and is detailed to make an annual tour of the South to recruit rich colored men to join the league, and, hearing of Jasper Green's wealth, decides to go to Leesburg, and here is where the complications begin. While there he meets Jim Jackson Lee, his former pal, who is now the son-in-law of Green, and is considered to be one of the richest men in town, but as a matter of fact really has no money in his own name. Simmons persuades Jackson to mortgage half of his father's plantation and accompany him to Washington. When Green finds his son-in-law gone, he immediately goes in search for him, and finally locates him in Washington, where he is living a high life. While in the city Green joins the league, unbeknown to his son-in-law, and later on becomes a rival candidate for president of the league. Green defeats his son-in-law, who has squandered his money and is now penniless.

However, after a certain ordeal and repentance, he is again taken into the fold and restored to his wife, and all, as usual, ends happily.

The management has spared no expense in procuring an elaborate scenic outfit, with appropriate stage settings, and the costumes are lavish in the extreme; the supporting company is of the very best, including a well-drilled chorus. The usual matinees will be given, and, despite the strength of the attcaitno, the usual prices will be maintained.

Others of prominence supporting Mr. Hill are: Brown and Shelton, Evon Robinson, Blanche Kelly, Sam Gaines, Oma Crosby Brown, Lillian Bradford, and America's best singing and dancing chorus of thirty-five colored belles and beaus.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH JOHN T. GIBSON?

Philadelphia, Pa.

Martin and Motely, a team of successful players, warns the performers of John T. Gibson, of Philadelphia. They say: "We played all the time in the West, both white and colored, worked at the Lincoln Theater, New York, ten days inside of two weeks, where we changed acts three times a week, also worked at a number of white houses in New York City." They also worked at the Auditorium Theater, two blocks from Gibson's house, yet they were closed at Gibson's after the first show, notwithstanding he has one of the "littlest and most inconvenient theaters in the world. He could find no fault with us. He took on three girls in our place. His bill had been six men and two women. One can think why he allowed us to go. Be sure and get something on him before going to his theater. The Circle Theater is all right. Mrs. Seigle is a fine old lady. These people did not approve of the way Gibson treated us. Thomas and Ward, the Griffin Sisters, the Jolly Hendersons, Mayweather of Mayweather and Brown, Pace and Crosby and George McKnight—all of whom say beware of John T. Gibson."

MARTIN AND MOTELY.

T. J. CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

This little show started out of Kansas City, August 29, 1911, and hasn't closed a day since. This show is made up entirely of young performers from the North. We are not one day behind in salary, and have played from Kansas City to San Francisco and from Mexico to Canada. We are now playing Court's time in the West, nothing but big cities. We don't pass any—play them all. We have only eight people, and all double in band except one, and that is Herndon, the hoop roller. We parade Seattle, Portland, Walla Walla and North Yakima just as Al G. Fields' or any other big show would do. The show opens with a minstrel first part, dressed very nicely. The four end men are Thomas Harris, Earl Nay, Earl Washington and Harry Nay. The ballad men, two in number, are Ruby Smith and Coy Herndon. The end men are dressed in black tuxedo suits, trimmed in red. The ballad men are dressed in full dress suits. The olio is opened with a quartette, which is very nice. Thomas Harris, a young boy, delivers a monologue that is very pleasing and interesting. The Nay brothers follow this with some nice singing, funny jokes and clever dancing. The olio is closed by Coy Herndon, the clever hoop roller, who was with the Florida Blossoms, and the season of 1900 was with the Billy Kersands Minstrels. Newspapers out West say he is the greatest that has ever been to the coast. His act is closed by making one of his hoops walk five strings. The last act is closed with a very funny afterpiece. The ghost walks every week and everybody is happy. Look for some of our cuts in The Freeman in a short time.

The Fairyland Theater, L street, N. W., Mr. Frank Kearney, manager, is presenting high-class vaudeville and photo plays. This theater is one of the most popular theaters in the northwest section. Performers should send in their open time. Booking for first-class acts. Can give three to four weeks, if good.

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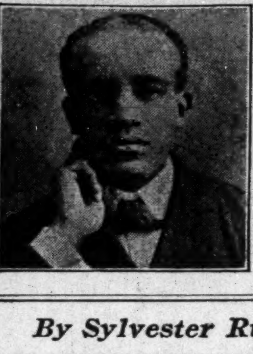

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

Another Big Bill at the Grand Theater.

There was another big bill at the Grand last Monday evening. Dave and Miss Percy Martin in a rural comedy playlet were an excellent attraction and shared honors with the colored piano, song and dance entertainers, Johnson, Smith and Johnson, who repeated their former success at this house. Tyson and Brown, singers and dancers; George and George, comedy acrobats, one a handsome athlete tumbler; and the Windsor Four, who sang "On Circus Day," completed the bill. The second half of last week retained the Ten Georgia Campers, who did better work than ever. The Wilson Trio was a fine colored singing act, but their songs were not as good as the ones they used at the Monogram. The Eul and Lavigne Sisters was a white trio, which barely got through. Branck's Models were acceptable, and the Great Geneste, a hypnotist, created the usual nervous excitement seen in such acts. Everything indicates that if there were plenty of good colored acts in the field, they would get booking at this house in place of some of the white acts that don't give satisfaction. We talk about colored theater alliances and colored promoters may say that I am knocking them, but everything shows that colored actors are not half ready and only a few are proficient, and colored promoters hardly know anything at all. So the colored actors and the colored race will have to continue to look to Wr. Whiteman until further notice and sore heads will have to frown upon the critic for having brains and giving out valuable knowledge, in return for banquets.

All New Acts at the Monogram Theater.

The usual throngs which cluster at the Monogram at the opening of the week were no doubt agreeably surprised to see a lively program of all new acts in evidence. The Rose City Quartette made its first appearance at this house and their voices blended with harmony in songs that have been made familiar. The dialogue with the comedian and straight man which was entirely too short, was the best thing in the act, for it presented some new original jokes that were clever. Hessie La Belle, the female baritone, looking as sweet as ever, re-appeared for the first time this season. Hen entrance presented a medley of songs with enough variety to display the richest qualities of her voice. Peat and Hayes were new comers. Their work consisted of singing and dancing that was at times phlegmatic but as a whole of sufficient mirth to satisfy the hungry. And it would do well to suggest to the colored teams playing these houses that in the more modern school, so much called for in these days, inspiration for modern development can only be found by seeing the latest legitimate comedies. But colored actors as a rule in the middle class never find time to go to see a show to get inspiration, or even think of study. Lewis and Lewis got through in excellent shape. Mr. Lewis imparted a wig song that captured the house and the team in their dancing finish scored heavily. The picture scenes in Madigascar were a decided novelty.

Illustrated Negro Song Scores at the Phoenix.

There was something doing in the song line when Mrs. Patterson pealed forth "Mammy's Shufflin Dance," a genuine Negro rag-time of merit, illustrated in handsome pictures of the colored race. "An Antique Ring" and "Captain Jenks' Dilemma" were new photo plays. The daily matinees are increasing in attendance.

Chicago Stage Notes.

The Tuskegee Institute Band is to appear in Chicago May 4, 5 and 6. They will be the guests of the Tuskegee Club.

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Rose Fox and her Picks have returned from Canada and the far West, where they met with great success.

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Bert Akers, of Logansport, Ind., is the guestof arry Crosby, the entertainer, for a short visit.

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Lena Mitchell left early in the week for New York City, to join her partner, Bessie Brady. They are booked over an Eastern circuit.

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The Southern Comedy Trio open at the Auditorium, Philadelphia, Pa. R. O. Henderson, C. D. Carter and George Bouttee, respectively.

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Martha J. Gans, second living widow of the late Joe Gans, was recently married to Ford Dabney, a manager, at Washington, D. C. It will be remembered that Joe Gans on his return home to Baltimore, from Nevada, dying, was carried by request to say goodbye to the dirovced wife of his first choice, Madge Gans, of Chicago, whom he loved dearly.

RANCE SMITH,
Eccentric Singing, Talking and Dincing Artist.

Rance Smith, the comedian who made a hit at the Monogram theater last week, having returned from Australia, New Zealand and Honolulu, to duplicate his success in America, is this week at the Ellis theater and will appear next week at the Alhambra.

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Lester A. Walton, the lucky little dramatic editor of the New York Age, is secretary of the new Walker-Hogan Cole (W-H-C' theater—to-be, and everything else in that line rolled up into one. He is also treasurer of the C. V. B. A., but smaller than the Chicago critic in stature of physical size—hoping he will be able to hold out.

H. Lawrence Freeman, the great composer and J. Francis Mores, the singer, passed through the city last Monday en route for New York. They were recent members of Jolly John Larkins' "Royal Sam" company. It is reported that Larkins deserted the company, a thing which is wrong, where actors are stranded and a star's reputation is at stake.

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In speaking of the colored theater alliance and colored managers, we hear a fair example of their lack of fitness in Manager Thomas of Washington, D. C. As a manager of a picture theater he may have qualified but for the Howard he is but an amateur. The Tallaboo company which went from Chicago to Washington, D. C., highly endorsed should have been well advertised. The weakest thing about Thomas is that he failed to pay the transportation of the company to Washington after securing the troupe and what he and the author's brother manager did not know, Oh, well, what's the use?

F. L. BRADFORD,
Aeronaut and Aviator, Mills Aviator Company, Chicago, Ill.

Fred Larence Bradford, who has recently distinguished himself as an aeronaut and aviator, elsewhere in America, and through the Dominion of Canada, including British Columbia, is a native of Springfield, Ill., 31 years of age. Mr. Bradford, who is the first and only colored aviator in America, and who is numbered among some of the most eminent bird men in existence, has signed with the Mills Aviators Company, of Masonic Temple, Chicago, to make a series of aeroplace flights during the spring and summer season. His contract will begin about the 15th of April, and during the time intervening between the date mentioned and October 1 he will probably make a few balloon ascensions incidental to his greater and more daring feats of aviation in a monstrous aeroplane. In speaking of Mr. Bradford's fearless bravery, he is the only aeronaut who ever did a double parachute leap from a cannon, and his many thrilling balloon ascensions through the English Provinces and on his return through the State of Wisconsin were featured attractions that drew marvelous crowds of curious and excited people. Mr. Bradford's salary will average from $150 to $300 for each ascension, according to the proportions of each occasion. Aside from this he will get 15 per cent. of the gross receipts, including all expenses, and the services of one mechanic and one assistant.

Mr. Romeo L. Dougherty, the young sporting and dramatic editor of the Amsterdam News, of New York, has taken to courting the muse, he says, inspired by yours truly. I herewith contribute one of his poems:

UNREQUITED LOVE.

(By Romeo L. Dougherty.)

Alone he sat in a cheerless room,
With melancholy air;
His youthful head bowed low in grief,
A picture of despair.
No sympathetic hand outstretched
Could ease that racking pain
That comes to man but once in life,
Just once, and ne'er again.

In hope, a picture once he drew
That only he could see,
Of one he held in high esteem
And thought of constantly.
A dream, 'tis true, but real to him,
Of one he loved—who fades,
Whose playful smile and softening eyes
Led to the depths of Hades.

Ambition gone, from day to day
He sees no joy, no hope,
As listlessly he wanders on,
Continuing to mope.
When first he found that he was spurned
By her who led him on,
He stroved to drown his love in work,
But, God! it still goes on.

He cares not for the world's applause,
No joy life holds for him,
The light seems fading fast each day,
Earth's pleasures growing dim.
One smile, one glance, is all he craves
From her who stands supreme
Among a million Venuses,
A beauteous, reigning queen.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NEWS.

At the Washington Theaters This Week.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

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At the Blue Mouse Theater, Wm. H. Smith, manager, are moving pictures and vaudeville, presenting first-class acts, catering to first-class people only.

At the Howard Theater, Frank Montgomery's Dixie Players opened to a crowded house the week of March 11, and scored a distinct hit in the musical comedy, "In Ethiopiaville," the cast being excellent and the musical numbers catchy. The members of the company are: Frank Montgomery, Sam Gardner, Mayme Brown, Charles Woodie, John Moore, Lila Moore, Florence McClain, Josie Gardner, James Brown, Beatric Proctor, Will Jones, Bonnie Clark, Sollie Jones, Chas. Jones and Lenora McClain. The book, lyrics and music are by Frank Montgomery.

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Mass., en route with the Black Patti company, sends regards to all friends. He is scoring a success.

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Miller and Lyles are at the Alhambra Eddie Bordan, the silver-toned tenor, is meeting with success with the Patti show.

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Theater, New York City, this week.

John Phillips, the baritone, of Boston, The Possum Hollow University, with Andrew Tribble, are at Fox's Washington Theater, New York City.

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The Boldens are at the Jones Theater, Brooklyn, this week, and meeting with success.

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Jones and Grant are at Keith's Theater, Cincinnati, O.

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Fiddler and Shelton are at the Orpheum Theater, Denver, Colo., scoring a hit on this time.

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Cook and Stevens are at the Court Theater, Newark, N. J., this week.

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Brown and Nevarro are at the Orpheum Theater, Portland, Ore., this week.

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The Ten Dark Knights are at Poli's Theater, Springfield, Mass.

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Sapphax and Downey, the professional hair dressers, 1832 Seventh street, invite all the ladies, when playing Washington, to give them a call.

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The Ross Bros., music publishers, 717 S street, Washington, D. C., are getting some good numbers out for the profession. Performers should write for songs for their acts.

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Mattie Phillips and her Jungle Kids are scoring quite a success out West. They are at Steubenville, O., March 25 to 27; Victoria Theater, Wheeling, W. Va., March 28 to 31; Orpheum Theater, Newark, O., April 1 to 3, and Orpheum Theater, Zanesville, O., April 4 to 6.

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The ladies of S. H. Dudley's Smart Set Company, when playing Washington, the week of April 8, should call on M. F. Denny, professional tailor, who caters to all the professional people.

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Clarence Powell, for twelve years with Richards & Pringle's Minstrels, will return to vaudeville shortly, with a new monologue, under the direction of Alf S. Wilson.

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Work has begun on the erection of the new theater for colored people, at 138th street, between Lenox and Fifth avenue, New York. It will open September 1, with a seating capacity of 1,200.

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Billy E. Jones, the well-known singing comedian, of New York, sends regards to all friends. This week he is at the Imperial Theater, Providence, R. I.

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Cook and Stevens are cleaning up with America's big song hit, "I'd Love to Live in Love Land." They have been very successful on the Loews time.

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Vic Hugo has commenced rehearsals with his troupe of colored troubadours, which will shortly invade Australia, under the direction of A. K. Junker. Hugo has been in Chicago for the past week looking up colored talent for the venture.

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Carter and Bluford are at the Grand Opera House, Pittsburgh, Pa., this week.

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The Smart Set Company is at the Halliday Theater, Baltimore, Md., this week.

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The Star Theater, at Washington, D. C., is presenting vaudeville and moving pictures. Business is very good.

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Miss Alice Ramsey is still scoring a big success with "The Monkey Rag," en route with the Black Patti Company.

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The Black Patti Company opened Monday at the Imperial Theater, Providence, R. I., to a crowded house, in the musical comedy, "In the Jungles."

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Julius Glenn, the comedian of the Black Patti Company, is scoring a big success with "Don't Let the Same Bee Sting You Twice" and "Plant a Watermelon on My Grave and Let the Juice Run Through," taking three and four encores.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Butler, William	Mayfield, W. M.
Benson, Otis	Mores, J. Francis
Boston, Shepard	McQuitly, Moses
The Bruces	McDuff, Littleton
Collins, H. D.	Lewis, John,
Culligan, Tom	Mills, Billy
DeLeo, B. F.	McCamon, J. H.
Eldridge, Willie,	Pitt & Wescott
Elliott, E. J.	Parker, Alex N.
Foster, S. B.,	Platt, Geo. E.,
Gray, Prof. J. A.	Peremound, Frank
Gilliam, Allie	Rewes, Jesse
Graham, P. G.	Stewart, Dink
Hayden & Vaughn,	Sutton, H. J.
Harris, Geo.	Smith, James
Hull, D. R.	Young, Al
Hull, Dan	Wise, Hen.
Johnson, W. M.	Winn, oJe.
Jackson, William	Webb, Joe.
Kelly, Dude	Wallburg, Hamdy.
The Jolly Hender sons	WillieToo Sweet

Ladies' List.

Cisco, Miss Nellie.	Moore, Mre. Eva,
Cooper, Mrs. Grant	Simms, Bessie
Edwards, Laura	Shaw, Miss Bell
Harrison, Miss E.,	Santaner, Miss
Johnson, Mrs. Lulu.	Stewart & Stithe
Leonaw, Miss Lizzie	Streaghts, Miss Leola
Marion, Miss Glenn	Woods, Mrs. Susie
Michaels, Leoara	Webb, Miss Ella
Moore, Miss Mazie	

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Wilmington, week of Apr. 1.
BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—Boston, Mass., week of April 1.
J. LEPBRIE HILL, IN "MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE"—Louisville, Ky., week of April 1.
PUMPKIN COLORED TRIO—Orpheum Theater, Franklin, Pa., April 1, 2, 3; Oil City, Pa., Orpheum Theater, 4, 5, 6.
"HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE"—Boston, Mass., week of April 1.
McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Alma, Neb., April 1; Republican City, 2; Bloomington, 3; Franklin, 5; Riverton, 6.
G. W. ALLEN'S TROUBADOURS—Mobile, Ala., indefinite.

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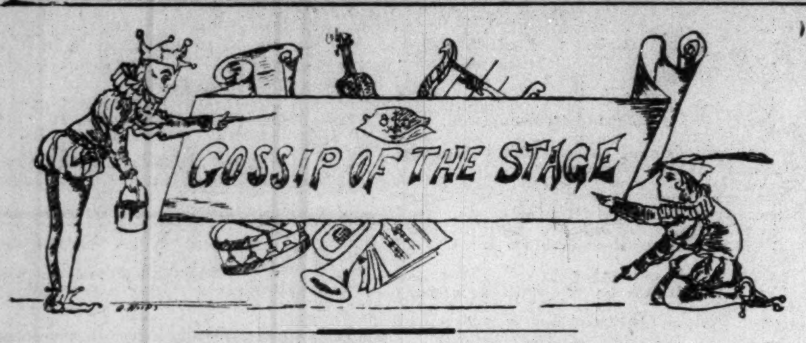

Charlie White and wife are now with the Clifton Kelly Shows.

Anatole Victor has closed with the Lowery and Morgan Minstrels. He is now in Chicago.

Carey McGraw, Kid Owens, Happy Ferguson have returned for the opening of Smith's Greatest for the season.

Norma Thomas, manager of the Ragtime Trio, played at the Belle Plaine, Iowa Opera House week of March 17.

The Green, Pugh and Green Trio is still at the Central Theatre, Atlanta. Will open at Olio Theatre, Louisville, April 1.

The Russells, Joe and Armanda, were at the Bijou Theater, Nominee, Mich., last week, and are at the Gaiety Theatre, St. Paul, Minn., this week.

Miss Maybell Brown and Miss Babe Brown and Homer Whitney of the Smart Set Company were in the city last week. They were callers at the Freeman office.

Frank Kirk, the musical tramp, is having great success on the W. V. M. A. time. His act is a laugh from start to finish. Lyceum Theatre, Peoria, Ill., this week. Empire Theatre, Rock Island, Ill., next week.

Slim Kimball with the Clifton Kelly Shows recently took sick and had to be sent to his home in Atlanta, Ga. He wishes to thank the members of the "Sunny Dixie Minstrels" and Clifton Kelly shows for assistance given him.

The team of Fiddler and Shelton, now on the Orpheum tour, will have a week off between Denver and Minneapolis. Mr. Shelton will visit his wife, who is in Indianapolis, and Mrs. Fiddler will join her husband in Denver, and will remain until the close of the season, the week of May 12.

Protests against the naming of the New York Theatre "The Walker-Hogan-Cole," continue to come in. The leading papers of the country are united in opposing the unfortunate selection and call emphatically for a change. New York is national and all the people are interested in what is done there in the name of the race.

"Tallaboo," N. R. Harper's unique drama, is pronounced a fine literary production by eastern critics. The criticism is chiefly directed at the climaxes of two of the five acts. R. W. T. thinks these should be strengthened and have the curtain go down on a thrilling stage picture after a significant utterance. There should be a song and dance specialty by "Sam," the comedy character, and in the college girl scene there is a fine chance for a rehearsal, introducing classical music or typical college songs, and there is a like opportunity at the meeting of the woman's club. With a quicker movement, "more pep," as it were, "Tallaboo" will prove to be one of the strongest attractions ever offered by Negroes.

STAR THEATER, TAMPA, FLA.

After closing a successful three weeks' engagement at the Star Theatre, Tampla, Fla., The Two Weavers, Eula Mae and J. J., opened at the Dixie Theatre, Key West, Fla., on the 18th of March and scored a tremendous hit. Mr. Harry Rosenthal, manager of the Dixie Theatre, speaks in the highest terms of the team regarding their ability to please an audience, and declares he always has an opening for performers of their calibre in his popular Island City House.

Miss Susie Sutton, the well-known soubrette, who was in her third week at the Dixie, was suddenly stricken ill on the 12th and has since been confined to her bed with a slight case of pneumonia at 222 Angela street, Key West, Fla. We are glad to say, however, that she is on the road to recovery.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrels are playing the States of Georgia and Florida, carrying thirty people, band and orchestra. Among the features of our show are the women. We are carrying five women, which makes our last two acts a musical comedy. The comedy is furnished by Billy Wilson and the straight roll is taken by Mal Boyd.

EVANSVILLE, IND., SHOW NEWS.

The Spot Theatre continues to grow in favor with the people. Manager Walker is putting forth every effort to please the patrons by running first-class pictures and securing the best vaudeville performers. Egbert Allen, monologist, holds his own. Miss Nannie Washington keeps up her reputation both as a singer and dancer. She is captivating with a rogish mischieviousness. She has a pleasing mezzo soprano voice. It is a genuine pleasure to be in the presence of dainty, charming Margarette Griffin. It is a treat to hear her sing "Beautiful Doll." These clever people are playing the third week's engagement at the Spot and large audiences continue to pack the house.

The Indianapolis Freeman stands high with the boys of the theatre and each week's issue is looked and longed for. The Reynolds and Doxey Colored Opera Company will play the Park March 25. They carry sixteen people and give a good show. The program at the Spot changes every Thursday. Manager Walker is negotiating for some of the big time performers for the week of May 6. Subscribe for The Indianapolis Freeman.

COMMENTS ON THE NAME GIVEN TO THE COLORED THEATER NOW BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY.

Shakespeare said "What's in a name?" so in selecting the Walker Hogan Cole as the name of the theatre, it seems that the directors of the Johnson Amusement Company have used Mr. Shakespeare to the limit. They may be correct on the name, but why use so many syllabled? I don't see how the name will ever become popular to my way of judging the name.

Ninety per cent of the public in speaking of or referring to this theatre will merely say the Walker Theatre. Hogan Cole will sometimes be mentioned by their most ardent admirers. The directors in giving the name Walker Hogan Cole say they were paying high tribute to them. If that was what their intentions were, why not add another syllable and add the name of Motts. His actions and deeds will show that he done more for the Negro theatrical profession than all others combined. The late lamented R. T. Motts in 1904 founded in the city of Chicago on State and 27th street the Pekin Theatre single handed without the aid of cooperation. He gave to the country and to his race the first institution of its kind. Are his deeds not worthy of the highest tributes? More performers graduated from the Pekin than any other place. His commercial dealings will exceed a million dollars in his theatrical enterprise.

Can those who are being paid the high tributes measure up to his deeds? The Pekin Theatre was known all over the amusement world. It gained a very high distinction in the year 1907 when Mrs. Potter Palmer selected the Pekin Theatre and the Pekin Stock Company as the place where herself and the Daughters of the Revolution were to be entertained after this great social event. The Pekin became famous and ever afterwards it was Mr. Motts' sole ambition to make the Pekin the most reputable colored theatre in the world.

It also looks in taking the names of Walker Hogan Cole that the directors wanted to emphasize all they considered worthy, forgetting that from time to time other colored theatres will be built and no doubt some of them would be named a Hogan or a Cole. Hundreds of theatres have been built by Caucasians, bat as yet they have never conglomerated the names of Booth Barrett McCullough into naming a theatre.

I think the lobby a proper place to pay tributes to our departed benefactors. And as the theatre has yet to be built, panels in the lobby could be so arranged, where in frames of gold the life-size likeness of Walker, Hogan, Cole and Motts would be before the eyes of their friends and admirers, adding much interest and beauty to the theatre. But as Shakespeare said: "What's in a name?" I am merely giving my views of the name already given.

Sincerely hoping that the theatre will have a great financial and artistic success and that the names of Motts, Walker, Hogan and Cole will live for ever,

Yours respectfully,
W. H. SMITH, Chicago.

THE ACTORS' FORUM.

A Bad Actor, Peace Disturber, Etc.

Editor The Freeman:

Dear Sir—Kindly allow me a few lines in your next issue through which medium to bring to the light a false and dirty statement made by James Simpson, known as the "Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson," with regards to the Dixie Theater at Tampa, Fla.

James Simpson has worked for me about two months ago for two weeks at the rate of $18 per week. His act, the so-called "barrel act," may be passable for half a week, while the rest of his work is just getting money on the looks of his dog Royal. He has worked for me for two weeks and I am sorry for every cent I paid him, as he was nothing but a drunkard, consequently always looking for a disturbance. His brother professionals can judge what kind of a dangerous character he is by reflecting upon J. H. Campbell's work—a man who came booked from the Central Theater of Atlanta—recommended to me very strongly by Mr. L. D. Joel, and if any performer earned his money honestly and through hard work it is J. H. Campbell.

Every performer that has worked for me has been treated well and their money paid in full.

I would appeal to performers who have worked for me, among whom are Mme. Cardelia McClain, Pauline Crampton, Joy Hubbard, Conley and Taylor, Stewart and Stich, Pace and Johnson, Scott and Crosby, John Pamplin, Buddie Glenn, Billy Higgins, Clayborn Jones, Leon Long, Alberta Smiley, Sidney Coleman, Fred Faulk, Tom Young, Idaho Kid, J. H. Campbell, Tom Scott, J. Grant, Johnson and Britton, etc., to make a statement through your paper with regards to the Dixie Theater, and if I am an unreliable manager, as stated by "Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson," that so-called barrel jumper, who is nothing but a dangerous character to manager and brother performers, a booze fighter and a lover of disturbance. Managers, get wise. If you want peace on your back stage and pay your money for talent and not booze fighters, keep away from danger, and you get it in "Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson." His name predicts his character.

I thank you, Mr. Knox, for your favor in publishing these lines, and remain

Yours truly,
ALFRED PREDINGER,
Proprietor Dixie Theater.
Tampa, Fla.

NOTES FROM PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOUR COMPANY.

The Troubadours are now enjoying fine weather in good old Georgia and doing an excellent business on account of giving a first-class performance, and that is why the people rush to see Silas Green from New Orleans. Press and public agree that this is the best Negro aggregation traveling this section. Prof. Eph Williams, proprietor, and Mr. R. C. Puggsley strive and work hard to keep this show above the balance and up to the standard. W. M. Mayfield plays the character of Silas Green in a snappy, fitting manner; Mrs. Susie Price, the leading lady, holds the audience spellbound the way she plays her part and renderes her songs, responding to four and five encores nightly. Clifton Boyd, known as the boneless wonder, pleases our patrons everywhere.

Jesse Reeves, our phenomenal trombonist, renders his solos with a vim, and everyone gives him great praise. Miss Bessie Edgington, the whirlwind buck dancer, leaves them still screaming after her four or five encores nightly. John Campbell mystifies everybody with his wonderful hand faster than the eye (known as magic). Menzy and Fannie Williams, the sketch teim, are real artists in their line. William Fisher has just received a $140 tuba, all silver plated; but he can hardly play for looking up and down the horn. R. J. Anderson has returned to us after having been in the calamity of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels (stranded) at Chatanooga, Tenn. He still holds his own as a band director and a loud, high cornettist, also a swell trap drummer.

Little Flo Russell, our singing and dancing soubrette, is one of the greatest attractions during the olio. Jesse Reeves and R. J. Anderson have just composed and arranged a march each, which will be in publication soon. They are hummers, too. W. Goff Kennedy still remains as stage manager and is giving satisfaction. The band is good with fifteen members and seven in the orchestra. Fred Kenley sends regards to all friends. We have several transporters on our show. We remain in Georgia for a while yet. Prof. Eph Williams sends best wishes to all professional friends.

LOWERY & MORGAN'S MINSTRELS

Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Mr. B. O. Marsh, the music publisher of Decorah, Iowa, royally entertained the merrymakers after the show. The entire company, including Messrs. Lowery and Morgan, assembled at the Marsh studio. The studio was decorated with potted plants and laurel leaves and branches, which in beauty were unsurpassed. Mrs. Marsh, who is a music teacher, was the first to officiate with a piano solo. The Huck Lee Buck Quartett entertained with four comical songs and violin solos by Prof. Paul W. Halyward were next on the program. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Richardson rendered a very pretty duet of their own composition, after which Prof. P. G. Lowery brought up the rear with his trick triple bugle solos. A sumptuous repast was the closing feature, which he spared no expense to make palatable to the most epicure. Mr. Marsh has one of the leading publishing houses of the country and is the publisher of Prof. P. G. Lowery's Galop "The Prince of Decorah" and same is dedicated to Mr. Lowery. Those present were as follows: Miss Carrie Gilbert, Miss Ruth Sprague, Miss Callie Vassar, J. Tobias, Tony Barefield, William and Thomas May, Herbert Reynolds, Junk Edwards, Antonia Victor, Carl Travis, Mr. and Mrs. Tobias and B. O. Marsh. Mr. Marsh would be pleased to hear from friends in the profession at any time.

FABLES IN RHYME.

Fable by S. Tutt Whitney, Moral by J. Homer Tutt.

Fable No. 1—Watch for No. 2.

There was an Actor in our Show,
And he was very good.
He worked his best and saved his dough,
As all good Actors should.

He never bored one half to death
With feats of long ago.
Or talked until he lost his breath,
'Bout folks he did not know.

Folks said, "I think your Acting's fine,"
His Head swelled not a bit.
"I've seen no better in your line."
His hat remained a fit.

He never shirked a Matinee,
Or loafed along at night.
And though the house was half empty
He worked with all his Might.

He often went out for a Time,
But never hit the booze;
And always made rehearsal time
For fear his Job he'd lose.

Now, one would think such conduct would
Appreciated be,
Nor figure how this Actor could
Have e'en one enemy.

He chanced to rouse a Knocker's ire
And also his envy,
Who vowed, with threats of vengeance dire,
To fix this enemy.

The Knocker took his Hammer out an'
Smote him hip and thigh.
The things he said about that man
Would make a-body cry.

You know, in any company
Things can't go on like this.
We waited patiently to see
Which One of Them we'd miss.

The Actor felt he'd have to go,
Commenced to pack his trunk.
He thought the manager, you know,
Believed the Knocker's Junk.

The Knocker went pretentiously
About with smiling Face,
And told us confidentially
He'd have the Actor's Place.

Alas, alack, we can't concieve
Or ever know before
What Fate is holding up her sleeve,
To put us on the floor.

Just when we feel that all is right,
With nothing left to vex us,
Fate uppercuts with all her might,
Right on our Solar Plexus.

The Knocker knows this is a fact, for
He ne'er got o'er the blow,
When he and not the Actor
Was the One to leave the Show.

Moral.

When with a Show, don't a-knocking go,
The Manager has enough of woe.
It doesn't help a bit. If disgusted, quit.
Others in your Place will fit.
After all is said, we're not yet dead,
The Knock may bump your own Poor Head.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING

A Mob at Close Range.

By S. Tutt Whitney.

While in Cordele, Ga., I had my first undesired opportunity of seeing a real mob ready for action. Two seasons past, in Spartansburg, S. C., they attempted to lynch a Negro the day after we left the city. Again in Greenville, S. C., the stage hands very cordially extended us an invitation to remain over until the next night and see a genuine lynching bee. We arrived in Clarksville, Texas, about eight hours after they had lynched a Negro. But in Cordele, the rape was committed and the mob formed about two hours before show time.

Luckily for us, a 6 o'clock rehearsal had been called and we were at the theatre when the excitement started. As soon as the deed was discovered the mob made direct for our car. There is no telling what would have been the fate of us men had we been on the car at the time. For passion and reason are not analogous, and Judge Lynch has a way of executing his victims and trying the case afterwards.

The operahouse in Cordele is situated above the firehouse and jail. This was another fortunate circumstance for us, because our rehearsal was witnessed by several firemen and policemen, who gave willing testimony that no member of the company could have been guilty of, or accessory to, the crime.

When Mr. Corwell, our manager, learned that a rape had been committed and a Negro accused, he hurried to the operahouse and informed us of the fact. He warned us not to go in the streets and to leave the theater en masse immediately after the show. He then took every precaution to safeguard the company from molestation.

While "making up" we could look from our dressing-room window and see the mob standing on the sidewalk below. Men with faces drawn and pale from suppressed passion, whose thirst for vengeance made them ready to ignore the laws of God and man. Men, who after they had reeked their bloody revenge, were scarcely better than the hapless victim they had destroyed.

"It was an orderly mob." I read this from a newspaper account of the tragedy. Is it possible to imagine anything more incongruous than an "orderly" mob? As well speak of a "peaceable murderer." But then if one is up in mobology, it is easy to know what a Southern newspaper means by "an orderly mob." This mob did not run rampant up and down the streets, shooting or beating every unfortunate Negro that crossed its path, but was satisfied with the life of the perpetrator of the henious crime.

At show time it was pouring rain. This was also fortunate for us. Water seems to have a cooling effect upon the passions of man and brute. Most of our colored audience came to the theater in carriages. The mob lined up on either side of the entrance and, after quietly inspecting each carriage, its occupants were allowed to pass within unharmed. There was a very good crowd of colored people and a few whites. They enjoyed the show immensely and seemed entirely unconcerned about the brewing tragedy. One fireman remarked: "Some strange nigger done it; none of our home niggers would do such a thing." He was right in his surmise.

After the show we were permitted to go to the car without suffering any indignities from the mob. The only evidences of hostility were the glimpses one had of Winchesters, shotguns and revolvers, which sight chased cold chills up and down our vertebrae.

The supposed perpetrator of the crime was captured during the night and an almost undisputable chain of circumstantial evidence was established. The mob awaited only the return to consciousness of his victim before they put on the final act of the tragedy. We did not leave Cordele until noon next day. Curiosity impelled me to go up town. On every corner were crowds of grim and determined men. The most unconcerned man I saw was the chief of police. He was asked: "Do you think there will be any trouble?" "No," he slowly drawled, "I don't think so. I did not know anything about it myself until past midnight." The deed was committed about 6:30 p. m.

About an hour after we left Cordele, the girl regained her senses. The identification was completed, and in less than an hour what had been a human being hung from a tree riddled with bullets, while four or five hundred men must answer to their God for the crime of murder.

There is nothing to be said in extenuation for the crime of rape. Although I cannot concieve of any but an insane person doing any such thing. Be the crime what it may, it does not justify lynching. Statistics do not prove that lynching diminishes crime, but it does generate a disregard of the law, which is dangerous for any commonwealth. Lynching is an incubator for murderers. Americans, by ignoring this evil, which is spreading like an insiduous disease, are sowing the wind. O, God, what will the harvest be?

MADAME AZALIA HACKLEY

Talks Interestingly on Cuba, the Garden Spot of the World.

HAVANA, Cuba.—I have never enjoyed any trip as I have my visit to Florida and Cuba. Like all tourists I have grown "daffy" about both, and I could return at once, in spite of my first experience with "mal-de-mer" between Key West and Havana.

Florida in the winter is delightful, but Cuba is entrancing. No one can adequately describe Havana and its charm. From the moment one enters the beautiful harbor until the last glimpse of this fascinating tropical city one is enthusiastic and desires to return as soon as possible.

There is much about Havana to remind one of Paris. The horses carry little cow bells and victorias are herrying and scurrying in a very familiar manner.

The Havana breakfast is like the continental breakfast, with coffee (diluted with hot milk), cocoa or hot milk, and rolls or toast. The main breakfast occurs at 11 or 12 and dinner at 7.

Cuban women dress in the late Parisian styles, and there are many French ideas and customs.

The trip is expensive. One could go to Europe for what he spends for passage from Tampa to Havana, returning via the Flagles "over sea" route. However, it is such a satisfying trip that no tourist regrets a dollar he has spent.

Havana is a sumptuous city. Its houses all look like palaces and marble is used with a lavish hand. Just as in Paris, builders must consult a city official about the style of architecture. There are no frame houses and there is a solid frontage from corner to corner. The houses are built of limestone or marble, and no inflammable materials are used. They are painted buff or white, and the windows and decorations are pink, blue or Spanish yellow. All the houses are designed for hot weather. The walls are thick, the ceilings are high—almost two stories—and the floors are of tile or marble. When there are porticos they reach to the roof.

It did not seem very hot. The ocean and winds temper the heat.

Cubans boast that there is no suffering in their country. They can endure great heat and they never have cold weather. Fruit is plentiful, and one can always live. There are few drunkards. The masses are too wise to indulge, because of the heat. Only the rich drink wines.

Many of the streets of Havana are very narrow, and cabs and vehicles go only in one direction, taking another street for returning. Even with this arrangement there are many blockades.

The sidewalks, even on streets with the finest shops, are so narrow that two can not walk abreast. Men who escort ladies generally walk in the streets. These streets are covered from wall to wall with awnings, which make them very comfortable for shopping, especially on sunny days.

The first thing that attracts the attention of the tourist, as he enters the harbor, is the multiplicity of big doors and windows. Cuba is famed for its windows. They are covered with fancy grating and have wooden shutters, with one panel that opens. The big doors have a second door, resembling the swinging doors used in saloons in this country. Even windows opening into courts and hallways have grates their full length, and doors inside houses have the little swing doors. All of this arrangement is to permit the free circulation of air.

In Cuba white and colored line in perfect harmony. The colored people are industrious and intelligent. The guides tell us that there has been wonderful intellectual development during the last fifteen years.

While out on one of our sight-seeing tours an American remarked to the guide, "Niggers seem to be 'it' over here." The American guide replied, "They fought to free the country; they ought to be it." The black rebels were among the bravest of the fighters for freedom. Spain delighted in calling the effort for Cuban independence a Negro revolt, because of the prominence of the Maceos, and declared that Cuba would become a second San Domingo.

A white Cuban told me that it was probably for the best that Maceo had died, because he might have wanted to rule Cuba, and that Cuba could never be ruled by any but whites. He also said that he feared that at the next election the United States would be called upon.

The blacks have escaped political prejudice, but they will never be permitted to rule.

On every side one is told that the Cuban Negro is superior to the American Negro.

Every tourist is enthusiastic about Cuba, and every one decries the annexation of the country to the United States, as the harmony between the races would be destroyed. Now black soldiers and black army officers are perfectly content.

Cuba is twenty-nine times the size of Long Island, or about the size of New York State. The majority of the population is black or of mixed blood. However, the mulatto must be very marked not to be rated as white.

Cuban women are beautiful when young, and are interesting after maturity. Before marriage they are very slender, but after marriage they sit around so much and get so little exercise that their stomachs and hips grow to an enormous circumference. How they rock and rock. Rocking chairs everywhere! They are simple feminine types, delighting in dress and gay colors. They arrange their hair beautifully and becomingly. They are pale and powder their faces until they look delicate. Even men powder and sometimes they look ghastly after completing their toilettes.

The fan and mantella are ever in evidence. Instead of going bareheaded, many ladies use the lace mantella. Women of all colors bare throat and arms and are addicted to silk and net scarfs, no matter what the temperature may be. They wear very long, narrow shoes with Louis XV heels. They have a walk all their own, which gives the impression that their shoes "pinch."

In the late afternoon and at night ladies ride around in victorias, decked in all their finery, and enjoy life. They are never bold looking.

One of my pleasantest remembrances will be that of two scenes at my hotel after the opera, when the Cuban elite came in for supper. How the women chattered, and how beautiful they looked in their low-cut Parisian costumes! The orchestra played and for one hour the dining rooms were very gay.

Everything in Havana is expensive excepting the cab rates. It is only 20 cents to ride from point to point for one or two persons, or 25 cents for three persons. By the hour the charge is $1.

Hotel rates and house rent are exorbitant.

There is practically no yellow fever in Havana since General Wood discovered that the disease is carried by mosquitoes. Havana has clean streets and is a sanitary city, making a delightful place to live or visit.

What does the tourist see in Havana? First, he pays $2 for a seat in the sight-seeing auto, which goes over the city. He stops at the Cathedral, the President's Palace, the Calon Cemetery and a cigar factory. At the Cathedral he looks at the paintings, including a little painting reputed to be a Murillo, also the urn which contained the bones of Columbus. He also views the treasuses in the way of silver candelabra and robes. At the cigar factory he is presented samples right from the machines. At the other places he "rubbers" all he can in the few moments the twenty people are permitted to unload, view and reload.

His next trip is in the country, a thirty-six-mile, three-hour ride around Havana, for which he pays $3. This trip is well worth the money. Once more he goes over the main part of the city, then out into the country, past the Chinese truck gardens, through the avenue of royal palms and past cocoanut palm groves. He gets a glimpse of the castle of Madame Abren, whom the guide says pays her husband $25,000 a year to stay in Chicago, while she enjoys herself raising monkeys.

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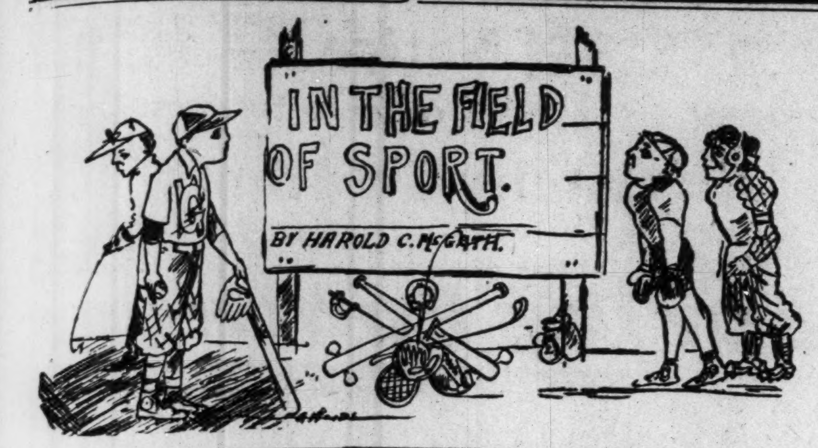

SPORTING NEWS.

Indianapolis has a new athletic club at 532 Indiana avenue—Fields Training Club. Kid Fields, a well-known featherweight, is in charge. He will teach boxing in every form. He is open to box any featherweight in the country. Can be reached at 226 Indiana avenue.

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Police officials came from Louisville to Indianapolis to let Jack Johnson know that nobody would hurt him if he went to that city. The champion was signed up for an exhibition the week of March 18, but he became a little restless about his visit. He was assured protection.

JACK JOHNSON IN LOUISVILLE.

Tried to Cancel Date at the Buckingham—Officials Came After Him—Assured Him of Safety—Slated for Easter Monday in Australia—McVea and Langford Compared.

By Billy Lewis.

Jack Johnson is a mighty man of "war," as the world knows by this time. He is submissive enough, however, when the officials take note of him. He believes in laying down when it comes to those fellows who do not come singly, but like leaves in the springtime at the necessary moment. Jack says that he has been a good thing for the police and never tires of paying his respects to the Los Angeles jail officials, his inhospitable hosts. But it turns out that the police can do some good things when they are of a mind to do so.

When Johnson was here, in Indianapolis, a few weeks ago, he got the notion somehow that he might have trouble in Louisville, where he was to show the following week—week of March 18. One will imagine just about what was the matter when it is known that Johnson's better half is a Caucasian. Now, it is known that somewhere between the lakes and the gulf is a line which divides the country into two great camps on the question of amalgamation—to be plain, mixed marriages. Just where the zone of neutrality was, Johnson did not know; and he did not care to take any chances. To be more exact, the condition is not cared for anywhere, but some sections are more tolerant than others.

Johnson thinks very much of his wife and from all appearances the regard is mutual—in kind. Mrs. Johnson, fresh from the boudoir-appearing apartment, the afternoon I met them, stuck her head in the door.

Johnson said: "Say, you are looking nifty all right."

And she was, if "nifty" means looking good. Other little things enacted in my presence proved that there was cordiality between the pair. So many persons have believed the compact based on commercialism—that it was Jack's dollars that counted all together. Well, the dollar counts some everywhere. The old saying, "When poverty comes in the front window, love flies out of the back door," is sane enough, at least for these times of automobiles, flying ships and so forth. So we are all tainted more or less with the "itching palm." Dollars are of positive help to any marriage contract.

The point, however, is that Johnson did not care to run a risk of abuse or maltreatment on going to Louisville. He reflected long and perhaps influenced by his wife, cancelled the Louisville engagement. As soon as the Buckingham Theatre officials learned of his changed mind they got busy. The business booked at the house was great; the seats for the week had been sold; consequently Mr. Jack must get to Louisville or somebody will suffer a big financial loss.

We have the words from Jack, that two Louisville officials came here, to Indianapolis, one of whom was the chief of police, to assure him that the freedom of the town was his without let or hindrance. They showed him the ugly financial condition he would create if he stayed away. He was promised protection by plain clothes men if he thought it was necessary to have them.

The sequel: Jack, accompanied by his wife, went to Louisville, where he had the time of his life. The theatre attendance registered a new "high water mark." And the gay and festive vied with one another in paying honor to the world's greatest.

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Here's the way an Australian publication read a short while back:

"Jack Johnson and Sam McVey will meet in Sydney on Easter Monday."

Where'd they get the dope? It comes by way of London, however. That accounts for it. Well, it is more or less interesting to read of what might have been; then the Australians and English are so sincere about everything. They comment on prizefighting as we do on the Bible or some heavy thesis demanding weighty opinions and evidence, and where there isn't a ghost of a show to poke fun unless it be by American college boys, who would just as soon take a cow to chapel as "anybody" else.

The Australians, however, are more like the Americans; being more sincere, but have a similar zest. Perhaps their "stuff" on the recent series of fights in that country was the very best in the history of the game. The pure English writer when of the ranks, such as are found on the daily papers, are in accord with the national trait—heavy, ponderous, but sincere and painstaking. All of which is of value, admitting but little fiction, hence a true estimate of affairs is more readily known. Here follows some English comment:

"Six thousand pounds is the amount of money Jack Johnson has always demanded for himself, no matter which way the result might go, since he defeated Tommy Burns three years since, and he based his claim upon the fact that Burns insisted upon similar conditions and got through with them. Had Johnson and Bombardier Wells met the colored man would have received the sum mentioned as his share. In view of the many stories published in England, France and America to the effect that Johnson had retired, and the fact that many of his best American friends had received letters from him during his stay in England and France bearing out those statements, the announcement embodied in our cable message will come as a great surprise to, probably, a large majority of Sunday Times readers.

"The boxer who could not be lured from the closet retirement by the tempting bait of such a weighty bag of gold has probably never been born."

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Sam, he bit, too, thinking "somepin'" was doin' in his line. He got all excited and went to talking in a big way, saying:

"I tell you, that's the best New Years gift fortune could have handed me. I wanted to meet Johnson badly, and tried to arrange a match in the old world or America, but he put all sorts of obstacles in the road until Mr. McIntosh got him down to business and I came all the way to Australia because the achievement of the ambition of my career appeared within easy distance. I had always hoped that we might face each other again—particularly as I knew that I had improved through a greater experience and matured a good deal since we last met in the ring. I am now more than satisfied that that impression was no false one. My defeat of Sam Langford on Tuesday last convinced me; he is one of the greatest fighters in the business, and as you Sydney people know, was considered in America and England the only logical opponent for Jack Johnson after the latter defeated Tommy Burns, but Johnson could never be induced to face him. However, I never showed any weakness that way. Certainly I will remain at Johnson's pleasure, so eager am I to get within touch of him, and as this climate suits me well, I think I will shape up as fit as ever I was at any period of my career.

"Yes, we met before — three times — when I was only on the threshold of the fighting business. That was in 1903, and I am 26 years old now. Johnson was adjudged to have outpointed me twice, and on the third occasion I had the bad luck to be knocked out within a few seconds of the close of the twentieth round. However, you will see when we meet in Sydney that I am no romancer."

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I give views of McVea and Langford by an Australian writer, showing the sincere interest in the game and the sincere, earnest way of sizing up those connected with it. Says he:

"The two men represent two entirely different schools of boxing. McVea is the boxer pure and simple, a wonderful boxer, it must be conceded, and a past-master indeed in the art of defense. For a big man his cleverness is almost uncanny. Instinctively he seems to anticipate every movement of his adversary. He is always ready with his stops and guards, and even when a punch does succeed in penetrating his defense its effect is minimized by reason of the fact that his body is traveling away from it. He stands erect, making the most of his height and reach. The left hand, his principal weapon of offense, and, for that matter, of defense, too, is extended well forward. The right moves easily, the muscles not taut but lax, and yet ready to spring into instant life. His weight is evenly distributed on both feet, and light as a dancer in his movements, which at times are so swift as almost to deceive the eye, he avoids danger by a hair's breadth. The moment his opponent's punch has wasted itself on the air or rattled against his ever-present defense the return blow comes with lightning rapidity and deadly precision. He seldom wastes a blow, and never misses an opportunity. His style of boxing is reminiscent of the famous Jem Mace school.

"Langford, on the other hand, belongs to the modern American school. Small as he is, he detracts still further from his natural height by the crouching position which he assumes in the ring. His methods, too, are unconventional. He displayed a bewildering variety of punches. No matter in what position he happened to be, he could always deliver a punch, and there was power behind them. Always at his opponent, he never relaxed in his endeavor to land a convincing punch. He always threatened danger, but he only threatened. McVea's speed was too great.

"The most prominent feature of the whole contest was the comparative ease with which McVea landed on Langford's face almost at will. If ever there was a contest in which the left lead was in evidence it was this. It was the first punch of the fight and it was the last. Langford apparently had no guard for it. That does not mean that he took delivery of every left McVea let go. Some he slipped, some he blocked and some he ducked, but the majority found their mark. Langford's best punch was also a left, but, alike McVea's, which is a left hook, the Bostonian's is a straight left.

"In the early rounds of the contest both men set vigorously about their work with the evident intention of securing a knockout, and that as soon as possible. It took rather more than five rounds to convince them that it was extremely unlikely that such would be the end of the contest. Both men seemed to realize about the same time that the contest would go the full term, and eased off in the pace a trifle. Langford never really gave up hoping to bring about the knock-out. Time and again he tried with a right cross, only to be disappointed. McVea was always too fast for him."

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Sport writers, some of them, on this side of the world, can talk in that intellectual strain, but we don't look at the game in the same way. In all of the many very excellent articles on the fight I have yet to see the same sort of slang reference noted in our country. I have seen cruel terms applied to the black because he won, but it was earnest cruelty and not levity. We in this country just can't get down to thinking seriously of the game. We spend our money to see anything that even promises to be a fight. We take any kind of a chance—in the dead of night when the minions of the law are supposed to be wrapped up in abstraction we steal away to the thick of the wilderness to have fun, to see him "swat him," to see him "knock his block off" and other cheerful expressions that mark our national buoyancy.

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NEGROES SHINE IN THE RING.

Three of the Greatest World's Champions Were Colored—Once Famous Trio, George Dixon, Joe Gans and Joe Walcott, Were Unexcelled in the History of the Ring.

The sport-loving public takes unseemly delight in calling a man "yellow." If a fighter shows the least inclination to quit, or if in the thickest of the fight he slows up for some reason, perhaps to conserve his forces, and it turns out that he is beaten, the first thing that comes into the minds of fistic devotees is the accusation, "He's not game." Especially is that attitude applied to Negro pugilists. There has been cause, of course, many Negro whalers having been troubled with a lack of courage. But exceptions have been noted. Some of the best fighters since the time of Figg have been Negroes.

Peter Jackson, for instance. The great West Indian who battled Jim Corbett 61 rounds to a draw. Then there was George Godfrey, first colored champion heavyweight of America, and Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler." There are some truly remarkable Negro fighters today—Johnson, Langford, Jeannette, McVea—but one splendid trio of Negro battlers is foremost in pugilistic history.

It was composed of George Dixon, Joe Gans and Joe Walcott. Dixon, the first Negro world's champion; Gans of knockout fame; Walcott, the Barbados terror, whose head was so close to his shoulders that it was next to impossible to hurt him. All three won the highest honors the ring can bestow.

Dixon was ruler of the featherweights and bantams, Gans of the lightweights, and Walcott became master of the welters.

Dixon was the most popular Negro that ever raised a glove. He was likewise the greatest ring artist. His career started in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1886, when he knocked out Young Johnson. The following year he came to this country and located in Boston. He had 26 fights in Massachusetts cities and in other eastern towns, dating from 1887 to February 7, 1890, when he met Cal McCarthy for the bantam championship of America. The men fought 70 rounds to a draw with two-ounce gloves.

Dixon was a different miller from the general run of fighters. Where, as a rule, coming champions knock out most of their opponents in the early days of their careers, Dixon played safe and was content with winning over his opponents. All the time he was learning cleverness, but when he fought McCarthy he did not look much like the star he became later.

"Little Chocolate" had four fights after the memorable affair with McCarthy, and then Tom O'Rourke took him to London, where in June, 1890, he defeated Nunc Wallace, bantam champion of England, in 18 rounds. Nine months later he again fought McCarthy for the bantam championship of America and won it at Troy, N. Y., in 25 rounds. Next he met Abe Willis, the Australian champion, at San Francisco and knocked him out in five rounds. Dixon became bantam champion of the world as a result of this feat.

There being no good men left in the bantam class for him to meet, he fought several featherweights and whipped them one after another. A year after his battle with Willis he was matched with Fred Johnson for the world's championship. They struggled at Coney Island for a $5,000 purse and Dixon dropped Johnson for the count in the fourteenth round.

Dixon continued in the game until 1906. In 1909 he lost the featherweight title to Terry McGovern.

In the '90s, Joe Walcott blazed a trail for lightweights, welterweights and middleweights that was hard to follow. Walcott was a welterweight, but he trained down to 133 pounds for Kid Lavigne when the kid was champion at that weight in 1895 and the Michigander gave him a terrific lacing. Before the Lavigne fight, and after, Walcott was universally feared. He was animalistic in his attack and established a string of knockouts. Walcott was a powerful puncher, and never hesitated to fight a man 10 to 60 pounds heavier than himself. His first fight with Mysterious Billy Smith was one of the most brutal ever staged. Smith was protected by two sets of articles and after fifteen fierce rounds had been reeled off Smith's handler, Jim Westcott, told the referee the battle was over. The decision was a draw and the backers of Smith thus saved their money.

Walcott became welterweight champ after that title had passed back and forth between Rube Ferns, Matty Matthews and Mysterious Billy Smith. He was the greatest demon welterweight of two decades. Walcott got his schooling under George Dixon, who took him in hand when he came from Barbados.

Joe Gans was the name of a boxing marvel from Baltimore who rose to the height of lightweight champion in 1902 after eleven years of mixing. He was the third Negro to become a titled head. His career was sixteen years long. The curtains lowered on him when Battling Nelson stopped him twice in 1907.

Gans was the greatest knockerout of the ring. Sixty-one forms buried their faces in the carpet at the behest of his thudding fists. Gans was both a fighter and a boxer—a true artist. He had an eye for distance that was remarkable, and his blows rarely traveled over a couple of inches. He was also a fine blocker. In 1902, at Fort Erie, Ont., he felled Frank Erne in a round and won the lightweight blue ribbon. His best fights were with Dal Hawkins, as dangerous a man as himself; Frank Erne and Bat Nelson. Gans put Hawkins away twice after Hawkins had rocked him groggy, the first contest going two rounds and the other three rounds. Joe lost once to Erne in twelve rounds. He won over Nelson on a foul in forty-two rounds and lost in seventeen and twenty one rounds, respectively.

These three Negroes were the most famed in the history of pugilism. Now Dixon and Gans are dead and Walcott, who attempted to "come back" at Boston a few months ago, and won a couple of bouts, is reported to be dying of consumption.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

JEANNETTE EASILY BEATS DEWEY

Southern Boxer Makes Poor Showing Against Champion Aspirant.

NEW YORK.—If Dewey did get what is known as a popular decision over Joe Jeannette one night when they boxed in the South, it must have been that Jeannette had taken something for dinner which did not agree with him, or that the "local sympathizers" were blind to the skill of the man who is so eager to box Jack Johnson.

The other night at the Long Acre Club, Jeannette simply outclassed the Southern boxer from the start. He hammered him around pretty much as he pleased, and showed that he knew about five times more in regard to boxing than his opponent.

Recently it was asserted that Dan McKettrick had taken an interest in the Long Acre Club. If that is true, evidently McKettrick forgot last evening that the rules of the Boxing Commission do not permit one who is connected with a local club to act in the capacity of ring adviser, or ring second, for one of the contestants. McKettrick was in the ring when the instructions were being given to the boxers, and when the bout was going on sat in Jeannette's corner in his shirt sleeves, apparently in the capacity of an adviser.

If McKettrick is officially connected with the Long Acre Club, to comply with the local rules of boxing he should remember that he must not "second" a boxer, even if he is interested in seeing him do his best.

The exhibition was so one-sided that the referee stopped the contest in the seventh round to save Dewey from further punishment. It was the best thing that could have happened, for it was only a question of time as to how long he was able to stand up under Jeannette's blows.

On several occasions the Jersey boxer had Dewey in bad shape, and the only thing that saved him from a knockout was the bell. Jeannette jabbed, hooked, countered, chopped and uppercut when and where he pleased from the beginning to the end.

That Dewey was game is no name for him, and any other boxer would have quit under such punishment long before the contest was stopped.

INDIAN EXHIBITION GAMES.

March 28, 29, 30, 31—Brooklyn Nationals, at Washington Park.

April 1—Terre Haute, at Terre Haute.

April, 2, 3, 4—New York Americans, at Washington Park.

April 5, 6, 7—Chicago Cubs, at Washington Park.

April 9—Cleveland Naps, at Washington Park.

SPORTING NEWS.

Evansville, Ind.

The Evansville Maroons Baseball Club have organized for the season of 1912 under the management of James A. Newton. This club is owned and controlled by colored people only. Manager Newton has gotten together some of the best players in the country for his 1912 squad and is expecting great things in Evansville this season. We are open for business and desire dates from first-class teams. The management has changed its address, which is 502 Cherry street. For information write James A. Newton, Manager, 502 Cherry street, Evansville, Ind.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENING.

Columbus, Ga.

We are having some fine weather in Columbus now. The Columbus Regulars are getting in shape again to challenge any team on the road. George Dandy and Willie Howard are pitching great ball now. Big tall sweet Johnson is trying his bat some. Lee Moses, the only first sacker, is also in the South. A hard deal this year. The Valdosta Comets had better get busy, also the Jacksonville team. Hurry, for we are coming with a strong team. Respectfully, George Dandy, manager Columbus (Ga.) Baseball Team. S. Perit, captain.

NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY FANS HAVE BASEBALL FEVER STRONG.

New Orleans, La.

Manager Brazier of the New Orleans University baseball club is out daily with his regulars, preparing for the series with Alcorn A. and M. College and Straights University March 28, 29 and 30. Brazier says that he has never seen such a promising bunch of college ball players in his life. The Alcorn A. and M. College has been the champion team of Mississippi for quite a while, but it is thought by many of the fans that when they cross bats with the New Orleans University Tigers they will meet their Waterloo.

SHEFFIELD, ALA., NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. S. E. Thesiger, of Paris, France, is teaching a class in music in this city. He will open a class in vocal music. He is also a professional dancing master. Those desiring to take music of any kind will do well to call on Prof. Theseger——Jimmie Moor,e a young man of 23, was killed Monday, March 11, by being caught in a belt in the machinery at the Southern Cottonseed Oil Mill. He leaves a mother and one brother to mourn his untimely death.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

School No. 17 observed Patron's Day, March 28, 1912.

Mrs. Emma Smith and daughter, Maybelle, were in the city this week, visiting her sister, Mrs. Elwood C. Knox.

Jesse Ringgold, of Marion, Ind., was in the city last Tuesday, a delegate to the Republican State convention. Jesse is one of the soldier boys. He was all right for Taft.

Miss Marian Shelton spent Sunday in Franklin, Ind., the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pettford.

Mrs. Mayme Clay left Thursday for Vincennes, Ind., Owensboro and Henderson, Ky., where she will give recitals.

The friends of William Harley, formerly of this city, will no doubt be surprised to learn of his recent death in Chicago, March 5. Mr. Harley was an active member of Bethel A. M. E. Church, and was the father of Mrs. Susie Newton.

The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church is being held at Columbus, O., this week. Rev. David Skelton and wife, Rev. H. W. Tate and wife, Rev. Thomas Prentiss, Mrs. A. Tribble, John Roney and Geo. L. Knox, of this city, are attending.

R. Byron Shelton will come from Denver, Colo., next week, to visit his wife. He will join his partner, Harry Fiddler, the following week in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Henry Shelton still continues ill at the home of her son, Jas. N. Shelton, 510 North California street.

The following persons journeyed to Shelbyville, Ind., last Thursday, to witness a performance of the Southern Smart Set, with S. Tutt Whitney in the stellar role: Crown Garden Manager Mr. Tim E. Owsley and wife, Prof. R. Roy Pope, the Hoosier bandmaster, F. Fowler Brown and Elwood C. Knox and wife.

HOTEL BOYS' CONGRESS.

Taft or Roosevelt?—Under Whose Administration Was the Negro Most Benefited?

The hotel waiters of the Claypool, Denison, English, Grand and other hotels of the city, together with all extra waiters and those employed in the different flats, will meet at the Shiloh Baptist church, corner of West and Walnut, to debate this most interesting and important question. Coming at a time of great political rivalry between these two Statesmen, it is a most appropriate subject, well worth the serious consideration of all.

This will be one of the best meetings of the season and everyone is cordially invited. To be held next Tuesday, April 2. Mr. George W. D. Norris, president; Madam Janie Smith Norris, mistress of ceremonies.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Would like to know the whereabouts of my son, Harry Smith, better known as "Bud" Smith. When last heard from he was working in Chicago, Ill., as a musician. Address F. C. SMITH,
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MR. CARNEGIE GIVES AGRICULTURAL TROPHY.

The officers of the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, which was held in New York City last fall, and which is to be held again, November 15 to December 2, 1912, in the 71st Regiment Armory, New York, announces that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has just given a trophy valued at $750 to be awarded for the best cotton grown in the United States. Mr. Carnegie makes a special consideration of his award that the colored people of the country may be permitted to enter into this competition.

The prizes for staple products, to be awarded at the coming Exposition, will be the handsomest in the history of the world's agriculture. The Exposition will be open for sixteen days and it is configdently expected that over half a million people will attend. In addition to the prizes already offered others are as follows:

President Stilwell of the Exposition has already donated to the Exposition a $1,000 trophy for the best exhibit of wite potatoes; Mr. Horace Havemeyer has given a $1,000 prize cup for the best exhibit of sugar beets, and the Exposition management will offer a $1,000 prize for the best exhibit of apples—twenty-five boxes of any variety or varieties grown anywhere.

The exact terms of the awards and full list of prizes, together with any information regarding the various competitions, will be sent upon application by Mr. Gilbert McClurg, general manager of the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, Singer building, New York City.

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POLITICS RUNNING HIGH IN WINDY CITY

Prominent Colored Men Standing for Important Offices.

By Cary B. Lewis.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 28.—Much interest is being aroused here along political lines. Never before have our people been interested in political matters as now. Meetings are being held nightly in the interest of the various candidates. Louis Seldon is speaking for himself for county commissioner, while Rearguard Moseley and the Chicago Press Association are working night and day for the noted baseball magnate. He is said to have quite a large number of white organizations for him, and that in the primary he will be the winner, running under the wire like a Kentucky thoroughbred. In this battle Mr. Moseley has with him Editors Taylor, Neighbors, Abbott, Turner and others of the "press gang," and they are determined that a real representative man will be nominated for county commissioner.

Major R. R. Jackson is running for an office for the first time, and men of all nationalities are lining up for the major, and his chances seem bright. Hon. Edward Green, who has served the legislature so well, is again up for nomination, and there seems to be no doubt as to his nomination. Colonel Rucker and Peter P. Jones are also in the race, urging the people to cast a vote for them. Jones, as will be remembered, is the leading photographer in the city, and has a host of friends. He is running for alderman. Jones and his friends claim that he has a splendid chance to be the next alderman from his ward.

Most of the interest is centered in the nomination for Governor. Governor Deneen is being looked after among the colored politicians by Mr. Wm. D. Neighbors, and a number of clubs have been organized to push his candidacy. In all probability Governor Deneen will receive the nomination. The Democrats are making a lively fight. A large number of colored men are working for their Democratic friends.

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Mr. Frank P. George, known as one of the best musical promoters in the city, and head of the Danabegay, expects to pull off a big musical event in the near future. He has been recommended to Miss Bertha Coakley, of Louisville, Ky., with the idea of having her appear in Chicago at some later date. Miss Coakley is one of the sweetest mezzo soprano singers of the Falls Cities. She was educated in New Albany and took a post course at the college at Terre Haute, Ind., and was a musical student of Prof. Imes, a leader in the musical world of that section.

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Mrs. Emma Smith and Miss Maybelle, her daughter, are in the city of Indianapolis, owing to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Elwood C. Knox.

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Miss Fannie Wise is in Indianapolis, playing to crowded houses at the new Union Theater. She will return to Chicago next week.

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Dr. Daniel H. Williams, the noted surgeon, has received a handsome silver service set from the students of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Williams is a member of the staff of Meharry, and spent a week there conducting a clinic. He operated on thirty-seven cases. All lived and are doing well. The young students were so much pleased with his technique and instructions during the operations that they sent him the remembrance.

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Everybody is making preparations for the big minstrel that is to come off April 8. Mr. Alfred Anderson is getting up a special party.

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At an early date preparations will be made and plans outlined for the meeting of the National Press Association. From all indications there will be more newspaper men in Chicago during the meeting than at any of the previous meetings. The association meeting will be most likely a day previous to the Business League meeting. Advanced notices are received from Mr. Wm. D. Neighbors, the local secretary, that the league is making extensive preparations for their meeting. Be that as it may, the Press Association will have a day of its own, and one of the finest programs ever will be arranged for the occasion. Kentucky will have headquarters at the association.

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The Sunday literary clubs are beginning to have larger crowds on Sunday. The weather is getting better and more are able to be out. Mr. B. F. Fitts, of Bethel Literary, expects to have several prominent people as speakers.

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Prominent men from the South and other sections who are coming to the Republican national convention are writing to people here for places to stop. From the large number to attend it is expedient at this time to get in on the ground floor for good stopping places. With many hotel conveniences and excellent boarding houses there wil lbe ample room for all who may enter the gates of the Windy City.

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Prominent among the visitors to the Windy City this summer will be Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Lattimore is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of that section, and will come to this city to do post work at one of the medical colleges. From here he will go to Mayo Brothers.

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While in Indianapolis Mr. Cary B. Lewis was the guest of Dr. Joseph Ward.

COLUMBIA (MO.) NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were spring days to suit Columbians, as was shown by the way they were rushing the season....Miss Daisy Dean Walker has won many admirers by her excellent personality and wonderful ability. Sunday morning she ably and creditably filled Rev. J. E. Edwards' pulpit. Sunday night Rev. T. T. Ward's church was crowded and many were at the windows to listen to this excellent woman. Monday afternoon Rev. B. McCain's church was crowded with women and girls 15 years old and over. Thursday night Miss Walker gave a costume recital, supported by some of Columbia's best musical talent. The church was well filled and Miss Walker complimented Columbians for their loyalty. Great is the praise for this noble woman. Miss Georgia Ritts, who has been quite sick, is slowly improving....The Freeman at Wm. Moseley's....Mrs. John Williams and her mother, Mrs. Delia Smith, entertained the Eutopean Club Friday afternoon....Miss Henrietta Simpson entertained the Woman's Mite Missionary Society Thursday at the home of Prof. J. B. Coleman....Mrs. Martha Johnson, who has been quite ill for some weeks, is slowly improving. See Wm. Moseley and let him leave you The Freeman....The Social Center will open its reading room Monday. Why not become a full man, woman or child? While the white papers are boosting the Democratic and Republican hens as layers, Prof. J. Z. Moseley continues setting hens and has twenty young chicks now on hand....The sad news of the death of Miss Alta Sexton was received Thursday by her brother, Beverly. The remains were placed in a vault in Nashville and will be brought here when Rev. Sexton goes to General Conference in May....Miss Mable Gregory was awarded the handbag by Miss Walker for selling the most tickets. Miss Gregory certainly deserved to win, for she was off at the start and never slackened her pace in attempting to sell her tickets. Many of those who had tickets would go to one person's house and stay for hours at a time trying to sell one or two tickets. Miss Zenobia Williams, another contestant, deserves much praise for her efforts. Miss Zenobia entered the race late, having volunteered to serve after someone had withdrawn. Both these young ladies will surely make a mark in life should they continue and improve the ambition they now possess....Miss Margaret Brown was the holder of the lucky number at the recital and will be given a likeness of Frederick Douglass. Much sickness is reported among Columbians these days, hence the doctors are kept quite busy....Coats & Wordie have installed bath parlors in their barber shop and you are invited to give them a call during the week from 7 a. m. until 12 p. m. Hot and cold baths and clean towels. Give them a chance to help you keep clean....The wedding bells have begun ringing. If you have not heard them keep a listening ear. The death of Mrs. Marion Gilmore was quite a surprise and shock to her many friends. The funeral was held Sunday, March 17....Mrs. Eliza Emory and Mrs. Eliza Wingo are on the sick list....Mrs. Daisy Dean Walker lectured to the Dunbar Literary Society Thursday evening and quite a large crowd greeted her and seemed deeply interested in what she said. Columbians will be favored with lectures from this distinguished guest for one week.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Church, Society and City News.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Carie Hawes, of Lincoln avenue, is seriously ill....Mrs. Catron's death will be mourned by her many friends. She died last Monday at her home in Blankenburg and the services were largely attended at the McFarland chapel on Wednesday by the Queen of Sheba Tabernacle and her many friends....Mr. Willis Bennett, on Oak street, continued to be in quite a serious condition and is improving very slowly....Mrs. Belle Wright, of Orr's avenue, is slowly recovering from a serious attack of whooping cough, which has caused her confinement the entire winter....The little infant of Mrs. Oceola Irving was laid to rest last Thursday. It died last Monday....Mrs. Anna Mumphrey is improving slowly from a serious attack of rheumatism....It was quite a shock to the community to learn of the murder of Isabell King, living on Summer street, by her lover, Peter Jones, accidentally shooting her last Thursday night. Her funeral was quite a sad one, and was attended by the St. Mary's Tabernacle and a large number of friends. She leaves many friends to mourn her loss....This being the spring vacation week, the teachers of the various schools are taking advantage of it by visiting friends in various cities....Miss Vitula Chambers is visiting friends in Indianapolis...... There will be an Easter rally given at Liberty Baptist church Easter Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited....There will be a chitling supper at Mrs. Sallie Cross', 8 Eighth street, tonight, March 23....There was quite an alarming fire at Spots' theater last Friday night, but he is striving hard to repair it for future performances....Mrs. Belle Donahue is quite sick at her home, 621 Mulberry street.... Mrs. Laura Crump, of Lincoln avenue, is somewhat improved.....The Missionary society of McFarland chapel met at Mrs. Phelps' on Bell street, Thursday night and was well attended. The Missionary society will render a program on April 14, and the public is cordially invited....The third social of the year was held in the domestic art room of the high school building on last Friday. It was a fitting beginning for the spring vacation....The majority of the pupils attended. Quite a few of the parents accompanied their children. All of the teachers were present. It is the hope of the teachers that more parents will attend and take a part in the evening's amusements. A word to pronounce; a sentence to punctuate; trick with string and knife to perform; game of stabbing peanuts; grand march; the menagerie; tailing the donkey and music were the chief features of amusement. Refreshments were served by six young ladies. There was such a good time; no one could be found who knew how to play "Home, Sweet Home" at the close of the evening....All persons wishing The Freeman, call at 1106 South Gov. street. Anna E. Lenox.

BOARD OF TRADE ORGANIZED—HON. J. C. NAPIER HOME FROM FLORIDA—TURNER ART EXHIBIT.

(By D. Wellington Berry.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—A commercial organization to be known as "The Nashville Negro Board of Trade" was organized here last night in the Directors' room of the People's Savings Bang & Trust Co., with Dr. R. F. Boyd, as President. The organization has the support and endorsement of the leading white and colored citizens of Nashville and is destined to become a strong and potent influence in a commercial and economic way and the means of doing much good also along sanitary lines and the housing conditions of the colored people of the city.

The Membership Committee will begin at once to build up the board of trade in point of membership and in all departments work is soon to commence in the different spheres in which the organization will engage. The membership of the board represents negro citizens who are engaged in the ministry, business and professional men and tradesmen.

The officers of the Board of Trtde are: R. F. Boyd, president; A. S. Rucker and G. H. Bandy, vice-presidents; J. T. Phillips, secretary; I. L. Moore, treasurer; and D. Wellington Berry, corresponding secretary.

The Executive Committee is composed of A. N. Johnson, chairman; W. T. Hightower, A. M. Townsend, J. P. Rhines, R. F. Boyd, A. S. Rucker, and G. H. Bandy, the last three named being exofficie members.

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Register of the United States Treasury, J. C. Napier, arrived in Nashville, from Florida, where he had been on the special tour with Dr. Booker T. Washington and his party of distinguished gentlemen. He is on his return to Washington, his post of duty. While in the city, Mr. Napier delivered an address before a large and appreciative audience in the Meharry Auditorium of Walden University, the occasion being a benefit entertainment for the Hubbard hospital, connected with the medical college. An interesting program of readings, instrumental and vocal solos and renditions by the Meharry quartette and orchestra was also given.

Register Napier is well pleased with what he saw on the trip over Florida and says the good which has been accomplished for the race as the result of Dr. Washington's tour can hardly be estimated.

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The Majestic Theatre, A. N. Johnson, proprietor, is coming in for its share of popularity among the colored citizens of the city and the management has already furnished some of the best amusement possible to be seen in the south, to the delight of everybody. Musical comedy, drama, farces and vaudeville, in which all of the principles were negroes, have been seen in Nashville since the new colored theatre opened for the first time in many years.

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Prominent and influential colored women of the city are actively engaged in creating interest in the Turner Art Exhibit which is to be held in the Carnegie library here, March 13 to 20. The exhibit comes here for the benefit of the school children of Nashville and an opportunity has been offered to the colored school children to witness the collection, also. It consists of particularly fine reproductions of masterpieces from the originals in painting, sculpture and architecture, and from nature, both in Europe and America. The colored women are anxious to have all of the colored children witness the exhibit if possible, believing that in the children it will inculcate the love of the beautiful.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

(By A. C. Oglesby.)

Special to the FREEMAN:

I am glad to state to the many anxious friends of Prof. W. H. Dowley, Latin teacher at the Lincoln high school, that at this writing Dr. Shannon pronounces him out of danger....Mr. Lee Toran is back at work at the Baltimore. He has been away about two months. He underwent a very serious but successful operation under Dr. S. H. Thompson, the eminent physician and surgeon of Kansas City, Kans. Mr. Toran says he is a sound man now and never felt better in his life....Mrs. May Bowman and Mr. John Robinson were quietly married on March 4. Those present were Mr. William Patrick, Miss Cornie Cross, Mrs. Walter Davis, Miss Jessie Taylor, Mr. Joe Ransom. Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Blanche Yancy. Rev. S. W. Bacotte, pastor of the Second Baptist church, officiated. They were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Bradford, 2631 Euclid avenue....Mrs. A. C. Oglesby, of 653 Winona avenue, Kansas City, ans., is mending slowly. Miss Ella King, the nurse from Douglass hospital, has cancelled two weeks' engagement that she hadp rior to her week she had planned for Mrs. Oglesby, that she may stay two weeks longer to care for Mrs. Oglesby. She was formerly of Bloomington, Ill....The waiters of the Baltimore hotel are planning a big entertainment in the near future. They always give a smoker twice a year. But the wives and sweethearts feel somewhat slighted, so they are going to give something for their benefit. The committees are from the cafe, Maurice Daniels, O. W. Cooper, W. M. Goodwin; pomp room, Rodgers, Montgomery and Oliver; grill room, Miles, Walton and Smith....Mr. James E. Bowman, of Columbus, Ohio, has succeeded Mr. Walden as second waiter in the Pompeiian room at the Baltimore hotel. He is a man whom we think will make many friends....Mr. George Montgomery succeeded Mr. Calvin Kennedy as captain in the Pompeiian room....Mr. J. Winn, W. M. Goodwin and M. Archie are on the sick list at this writing....This has been the hardest winter in Kansas City that the people have ever been called upon to stand. ....Address all news for The Freeman to A. C. Oglesby, care Baltimore hotel cafe, and it must be in by Friday to come out in the following week's paper.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The big minstrel given for the benefit of the U. R. K. of P. was a great success. They played to a crowded house and have engagements to play in Evansville, Morganfield and Uniontown....The annual Thanksgiving sermon of the K. of P. lodges of this city will be preached at the A. M. E. Zion church on Sunday, March 24, by Rev. J. M. Mundy....A candy pulling will be given by the Peerless Club Friday, March 22, at the residence of Mrs. William Glover....The Dunbar Literary Society of the Douglass high school held its bi-weekly rhetorical Friday afternoon. An excellent program was rendered......The funeral of Mr. Alonzo Bell was preached at the A. M. E. Zion church Thursday, March 14, by Rev. C. H. Warders. Mr. Bell was a well-known citizen, and was loved by all his acquaintances. We wish to take this oportunity to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family....Rev. W. J. M. Price has returned from a visit to Maysville, his old home....Mrs. A. B. Mundy, G. W. C., of Court of Calanthe, has returned from Ashland, where she attended the funeral of Mrs. E. J. Matney, G. R. of D., of the Court of Calanthe....Mr. Merritt Miller spent a few days in Sebree, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Miller ....Mrs. Eliza Towles, the well-known hair dresser, is on the sick list....Mrs. Rachel Wallace is confined to her room.

MUNCIE, IND.

The Dixie Minstrels came through Muncie, stopping over for one night. They did not play in the city. They stopped at the Pekin Hotel....Last Sunday's mass meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church was put off until the second Sunday in April, the day for the demonstration of Negro achievements, talking on the lives of different men, exhibiting arts, mechanics, etc....Mrs. Laura Smith, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Hansbro, 506 South Beacon street, has returned to her home in Covington, Ky.... Miss Mandy Jones's sister, of Wabash, Ind., has returned home, after a short stay in the city......Rev. Townsend is some better. He expects to be up and around shortly....Rev. Carpenter left Monday, March 25, for conference at Columbus, O......The literary at Bethel Church will meet on Tuesday. All members are requested to be present....A rally was given at the M. E. Church, Sunday, March 24....The Majestic has on the program for this week a minstrel show, composed of young men of this city, as follows: Sam Morgan, William Clark, Johnny White, Eb McCray, Elmer Lee, Ben Hubard, Willie White. They will be the stars as singers, and expect to leave the city after this week....Mr. Willis Burden and wife were in Marion this week....The Willing Workers Club meets at Mrs. Beaty's, 613 East First street....Miss Cleophas Boone has been on the sick list for some time. She is getting some better....Miss Benson is on the sick list....Have your eggs ready for Easter.

LEXINGTON (KY.) NOTES.

The death of Mr. Chas. Seelbach, Sr., of Louisville, Ky., occurred last Tuesday, March 19, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Seelbach, at his death, was vice president and general manager of the Seelbach Hotel Company and one of the best known hotel men in this country. He was a native of Frankenthal, Germany, and was one of the three brothers engaged in the hotel business in Louisville. The floral offerings were immense, coming from far and near..... Wm. E. Wilkins, the headwaiter at the Seelbach Hotel, is holding down the dining room in great style, and over at the Phoenix Mr. Lewis Sammels is doing the same thing. The crew of waiters at the Seelbach is as follows: Watch No. 1—Captain, Russell Hillard; Ed Thomas, Mose Johnson, Marion Perkins, Marion Tribble, Wm. Garry. Watch No. 2—Captain, E. Harris; J. Perkins, T. Hampton, Al Lewis, Geo. Daniels, Wm. Jones.... The Freeman will be found on sale every Saturday at the Seelbach Hotel....The spring races will begin on April 27, lasting eleven days....The K. of P. annual sermon was preached last Sunday at the Main Street Baptist Church, to a very large audience, by Rev. Cheek, the pastor. ....Those wishing to subscribe for The Freeman will please give Wm. E. Wilkins, headwaiter at the Seelbach Hotel, their names and addresses. Let's get busy and take The Freeman, the best colored journal in the United States....Mr. Maxwell Cassell, the able white gentleman, is cashier at the Seelbach, and knows his business. We all wish him success.

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REV. S. A. HICKS,
Correspondent.

337 W. 41st St., New York City.

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From Letitia Blair's Sister.

Information is wanted concerning the relatives of Letitia Blair, born at Jonesboro, Tenn., owned by a slaveholder, William Blair, and sold by him to some Southern slave owner. Any information concerning any of her relatives will be gladly received. Thanking you, I am,

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Special to readers of The Freeman: I regret to say that all local newspaper reporters were recognized at the first colored baseball game which was played here Sunday, March 24, between the Brooklyn Royal Giants, of New York, and the Pensacola Giants, of Pensacola, Fla., but I regret to say that the local representative of The Freeman was not recognized by the manager, Gold Stucker, of Pensacola, Fla. WALKER W. THOMAS,
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SUMNER

League Minstrels

TOMLINSON HALL

Monday, April 8, '12.

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